

MASON'S
DELICIOUS
O.K.
SAUCE.

Hongkong Daily Press.



N. LAZARUS,
Hong Kong's Only European
Optician
Established over Forty Years.
Manager—RALPH A. COOPER
Registered Optometrist (Canada).

ESTABLISHED 1857.

Registered as a Newspaper at the General
Post Office in the United Kingdom.

No. 21,345 號五十四百壹千壹萬式第 日拾月拾年寅丙 HONG KONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1926. 陸拜禮 號叁月貳拾年五十五國民華中 PRICE: \$3 PER MONTH

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY. TIME-TABLE.

	A.M.	A.M.	O.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	E.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.50	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	2.30	4.05	5.20	7.21	7.21
Yauwalei ...Dep.	6.55	—	—	9.30	10.45	12.15	1.30	2.45	4.20	5.35	7.36	7.36
Shatin ...Dep.	7.05	—	—	9.40	10.55	12.25	1.40	2.55	4.30	5.45	7.46	7.46
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	—	—	9.50	11.05	12.35	1.50	3.05	4.40	5.55	7.56	7.56
Taipei Market Dep.	7.21	—	—	9.55	11.10	12.40	1.55	3.10	4.45	6.00	8.01	8.01
Fanning ...Dep.	7.23	—	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	3.18	4.53	6.08	8.09	8.09
Shauwahui ...Dep.	7.28	—	—	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	3.22	4.57	6.12	8.13	8.13
Shauwahui ...Arr.	7.43	8.45	9.15	10.18	11.28	12.58	2.13	3.23	4.58	6.13	8.14	8.14
Canton ...Arr.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.35	11.40	8.00	4.15	5.18	5.20	5.40	6.08	6.40	6.40
Shauwahui ...Dep.	7.25	8.15	10.45	11.47	8.07	4.24	5.20	5.27	5.47	6.15	6.47	6.47
Fanning ...Dep.	7.31	8.17	10.49	11.51	8.11	4.28	5.24	5.31	5.51	6.19	6.51	6.51
Taipei Market Dep.	7.41	8.27	10.59	12.02	8.21	4.38	5.34	5.41	6.01	6.29	7.01	7.01
Taipei ...Dep.	7.45	8.32	11.04	12.07	8.25	4.42	5.38	5.45	6.05	6.33	7.05	7.05
Shatin ...Dep.	7.48	8.45	11.17	12.21	8.28	4.45	5.41	5.48	6.08	6.36	7.08	7.08
Yauwalei ...Dep.	8.12	8.57	11.29	12.33	8.50	5.03	5.03	5.10	6.30	6.58	7.30	7.30
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.20	9.05	11.37	12.41	8.58	5.10	5.11	5.18	6.38	7.06	7.38	7.38

SHA TAU KOK BRANCH.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Fanning ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.35	11.40	8.00	4.15	5.18	5.20	5.40	6.08	6.40	6.40
Shauwahui ...Dep.	7.25	8.15	10.45	11.47	8.07	4.24	5.20	5.27	5.47	6.15	6.47	6.47
Fanning ...Dep.	7.31	8.17	10.49	11.51	8.11	4.28	5.24	5.31	5.51	6.19	6.51	6.51
Taipei Market Dep.	7.41	8.27	10.59	12.02	8.21	4.38	5.34	5.41	6.01	6.29	7.01	7.01
Taipei ...Dep.	7.45	8.32	11.04	12.07	8.25	4.42	5.38	5.45	6.05	6.33	7.05	7.05
Shatin ...Dep.	7.48	8.45	11.17	12.21	8.28	4.45	5.41	5.48	6.08	6.36	7.08	7.08
Yauwalei ...Dep.	8.12	8.57	11.29	12.33	8.50	5.03	5.03	5.10	6.30	6.58	7.30	7.30
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.20	9.05	11.37	12.41	8.58	5.10	5.11	5.18	6.38	7.06	7.38	7.38

Further information may be obtained at the RAILWAY OFFICES, KOWLOON, or from
Messrs. THOS. COOK & SON, LTD., HONGKONG, or from THE AMERICAN EXPRESS COM-
PANY, HONG KONG.
50] H. P. WINSLOW, Manager.

HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONG KONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT
CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CANTON LINE.
Sailings from Hong Kong: Daily, at 8 A.M.
Sailings from Canton: Daily, at 8 A.M. (Sunday, No Sailings)

ADDITIONAL SAILINGS:
S.S. "TAISHAN" will leave for Canton on

SATURDAY, 4th DECEMBER at 2 A.M., and from Canton at 3 P.M. Same Day.

MACAO LINE.

FROM HONG KONG: 8 A.M. and 2 P.M. daily.
(Sunday: 9 A.M. only).
FROM MACAO: 8 A.M. and 2 P.M. daily.
(Sunday: 4 P.M. only).

SUNDAY EXCURSION.

On SUNDAY, 5th DECEMBER, S.S. "KINSHAN" will depart from
Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf at 9 A.M., and from Macao at 4 P.M. [13

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

New Scheme for Children's Early Endowment:—

Principal features: Small Premium. Liberal Surrender Value.
Return of Premium in the Event of Death.

Write for Pamphlet and Full Particulars to—

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
AGENTS,
2, QUEEN'S BUILDING.

CAMMELL LAIRD & Co., LTD.

Controlling THE LEEDS FORGE CO., NEWLAY WHEEL CO., Etc.
Birkenhead, Sheffield, Nottingham, Birmingham,
Leeds, Penistone and London.

RAILWAY PASSENGER COACHES

STEAM DRIVEN RAIL COACHES
"NEWLAY" SOLID BOLDED STEEL RAILWAY WHEELS.
18, PEKING ROAD, SHANGHAI.

FOR SALE.

ASIATIC AND FOREIGN
POSTAGE STAMPS
In BASS, PAGES, SNEY, and SINGLE.
PICTORIAL POSTCARDS
WITH CHINESE CAPTIONS, VIEWS OF
HONG KONG, CANTON, MACAO, &c.,
AND
ALBUMS OF HONG KONG SCENES

GRACA & CO.,

DEALERS IN PHILATELIC GOODS, ASIATIC
POSTCARDS, TOYS, PICTURES BOOKS, &c.
No. 10, WYNDHAM STREET,
P. O. Box No. 620, HONG KONG.

The Only Hotel in CANTON,
Directly under European
Management.

THE VICTORIA HOTEL
SHANGHAI
Guides
and Trips
arranged for
and Special Cars
Taken for TOURISTS
Cable Address: "VICTORIA."

THE CAFE PARISIEN.

LICENSING BOARD'S DECISION.

NO LIQUOR AFTER THE END OF THE YEAR.

The Cafe Restaurant Parisien has been refused a licence for the sale of intoxicating liquors. This was the decision of a meeting of the Licensing Board in the Council Chamber yesterday. The application was in the name of Mr. S. E. Green on behalf of the proprietors of the Cafe. The Board held that the business as carried on in the establishment was not filling any extensive public want. It was, however, stated that there were no personal grounds of objection against Mr. S. E. Green, in whose name the application was made.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern (Colonial Secretary) Chairman of the Licensing Board, presided, the other members of the Board who were present being Mr. G. C. Alabaster (Vice-Chairman), Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. A. S. D. Cousland, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, and the Secretary (Major C. Willson).

Mr. D. L. Strellett represented the applicant, and the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe represented the Police authorities.

The Chairman said that when the application was granted in the middle of this year, Mr. Durand was told that it was given until the end of the year, when the whole matter would be reconsidered.

The New Applicant.

Mr. Strellett, in making the application on behalf of Mr. Green, said that the premises were to be worked and managed by Mr. Green, under a contract giving him sole charge and responsibility if the licence were granted.

Dealing with the business of the Cafe, Mr. Strellett submitted figures for the last six months to show that there had been a demand for drinks, not only during meals, but between meals to tourists and casual callers.

Mr. Strellett referred to the opening of the premises and said that the manager who had been chosen was unable to come from Shanghai. He sent a substitute who proved unsatisfactory. Mentioning the Police Court proceedings which had eventually arisen, he said that in those proceedings nothing had been mentioned which anybody took the slightest exception to as regards the proprietor.

A recent application for the renewal of the licence had been withdrawn by Mr. Durand, who was now in Shanghai. He was returning in a few days, but was later going away for a considerable time. He had left Mr. Green to make the application, and assume the whole responsibility under the licence.

Mr. Strellett also spoke of new schemes contemplated by the Cafe, and submitted that it was serving a long-felt want, as it was the only place where dancing and music was provided free of charge during meals. Mr. Green was well-known in the Colony, and if it were necessary that he should sleep on the premises, that could be arranged. Mr. Green was himself a teetotaler. All the necessary conditions would be faithfully carried out.

"Managed Badly."

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe said that on certain occasions the restaurant was managed badly. The police were promised when it was started as an experiment that all would be well, and that it was to fulfil a want which seemed to exist. He was doubtful if such a want had been met by the restaurant.

Mr. Wolfe referred to a recent scheme mooted for the establishing of a skating rink at the Cafe, and said that the Cafe had not done this. Mr. Durand had left the Cafe as a necessary condition of the licence. For twelve days there was no licencees living on the premises.

The police, concluded Mr. Wolfe, had no personal objection to Mr. Green holding the licence, but he questioned the extent of the responsibility which would be conferred on him in the management. If the actual licence were in his full control there would be no objection whatever.

The Board discussed the application in camera, and it was later stated that the licence was refused as the Board considered that the Cafe was not fulfilling an extensive want. The Chairman also stated that they had no personal objection against Mr. Green.

SINGAPORE MILK TRADE MARK.

ITALIAN FIRM SUE.

AUSTRALIAN IMPORTERS CLAIM INJUNCTION.

Agitation arising out of the sale in Singapore of two brands of tinned milk, one imported by Messrs. Joseph Travers & Co. as agents for the Federal Milk Proprietary, Ltd., and the other prepared and imported by the Societa Commissionaria di Esportazione E di Importazione (Incorporated in Italy) commenced before the Chief Justice (Sir William J. Burrows) recently. The Federal Milk Proprietary Co., whose head office is at Melbourne, alleges that the Societa is infringing the trade mark on their Lifebrand brand of milk, and claim an injunction.

Plaintiffs claimed that for many years past they had sold condensed milk in the tin under a label consisting of the head and shoulders of a Lifebrand—wearing a red tunic helmet with plumes, and holding aloft a sword—on a blue background, with the word Lifebrand at the top. This mark, plaintiffs said, had been registered in Australia and throughout the world as their mark. In 1917 they introduced the milk into Singapore and Malaya and had built up a very large business. The purchasers of the milk are almost exclusively Asiatic and comparatively few read or write English but are guided entirely by the mark or label on the tin. Defendants, it was alleged, had wrongfully introduced condensed milk into this market under a label consisting of a soldier in the uniform of a Lifebrand, with helmet and plumes, and carrying a sword, and surmounted by the word Soldier. They alleged that this label was calculated to deceive purchasers into believing that the milk under this mark was prepared by plaintiffs. Plaintiffs, alleging that they had suffered loss and damage, claimed an injunction restraining defendants from importing and dealing in this milk, and for an account of the profits they made.

Defendants say they were here first. The case for the defendants was that they had employed the trade mark complained of several years before the war. They pointed out that their mark consisted of a soldier in uniform standing at full length, with lowered sword. They also pointed out that unlike the plaintiffs, their tins were contained in a paper wrapper. Defendants contended that the general get-up of the two tins was entirely different and distinct. During the war and for a considerable time thereafter the export of milk from Italy was forbidden and consequently defendants ceased to import it. The Soldier mark is now used by defendants in respect of full cream condensed milk. They claimed to have acquired the exclusive right to the use of the Soldier mark many years prior to the war and still claim that right.

Chinese Evidence.

The Chinese salesman of Messrs. Joseph Travers, who said he had 17 years experience of the bazaar, stated that he had never seen the defendant's brand of milk until this year. Plaintiffs' Lifebrand milk was known in the bazaar as chop soldier or pia thou. Witness said the Malays call it chop soldier and the Chinese pia thou.

A Chinese contractor gave evidence that when he asked in a Beach Road shop for chop soldier milk, expecting to receive Lifebrand milk, he was given a tin of defendants' milk.

Opening the case for the defendants Mr. Layton said his contention would be that the plaintiffs' milk was known as pia thou (head of soldier) only; whereas defendants' milk was known as chop pia, or simply soldier.

In his evidence, Mr. D. Blaauw, manager of the defendant company, agreed that their Axe brand milk had a bad reputation at the end of 1925. Counsel pointed out that it was rather remarkable that a new brand, placed on the market by this same company should have increased its sales from 100 cases in April, 1926, to 900 cases five months later, in view of the bad reputation which Axe brand had gained.

The case was adjourned.

HEREFORD MANSION MURDERS.

BUTLER SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Charles Houghton, 45, a butler, was found guilty at the Hereford Assizes on November 5th of murdering on September 7th Miss Elinor Drinkwater Woodhouse and Miss Martha Gordon Woodhouse, his employers, at Burghill Court, near Hereford, and was sentenced to death by Mr. Justice Rigby Swift.

Houghton was given notice of dismissal because he had taken to drink and next day he shot the two sisters with a sports gun. Mr. Powell, prosecuting, said that Houghton had been in the service of the Woodhouse family for 18 years, first as a footman and then as butler. For the defence it was urged that Houghton suffered from epilepsy in his youth, and that he was insane at the time he committed the murders.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

Entries close for Fanning Hunt Steeplechase to be held on Saturday, December 18th, at Kwantli.

Sale of work, Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, 3 p.m.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Cricket and Football (details in to-day's issue).

Yachting: Menagerie race for Handicap, Heyward Hays and Gael Classes, 2.45 p.m.

Golf: Saturday to Monday—Captain's Cup.

Boxing Tournament, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Dinner Dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, "Melodians" Orchestra.

Dance Craigengower Cricket Club, 9 p.m.

Dance Palace Hotel, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Dangerous Maid."

World Theatre: "The Iron Horse."

Star Theatre: "My Old Dutch."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Atsuta Maru). Outward: America and Canada, and Europe via America (President Taft), 5 p.m.; Australia and New Zealand (Tanda), 2.30 p.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Atsuta Maru), 5 p.m.

Sunday.

Combined Meeting of China Coast Officers' Guild and Marine Engineers' Guild of China at Sailors' Home, West Point, 10.30 a.m.

St. John Ambulance Brigade Field Day at Shek O.

Yachting: 1st Championship race for Cruisers.

Golf: 1st and 2nd rounds of Championship.

Tennis: K.C.C. v. Club de Recreio, 3 p.m.

43rd Annual Fete of St. Vincent de Paul Society, R.C. Cathedral Compound, 8.30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Merton of the Movies."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam (Shirala).

Monday.

Land Sale P.W.D., 3 p.m.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Lecture: "Chinese Names," by Mr. R. E. Lindell at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Merton of the Movies."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia, etc. (St. Albans). Outward: Canada, America, etc., Europe via Victoria, B.C., and via Siberia (President Jackson), 3.30 p.m.; Australia and New Zealand (Calcutta), 5 p.m.

Tuesday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Lecture: Free lecture on Christian Science at Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, by Mr. John Randall Dunn, C.S.B., of Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., 5.45 p.m.

Concert: H.K. Male Voice Choir at Union Church Lecture Hall, 9 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Paul Lerat), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

Around-the-World tourist liner Carinthia due.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Football: Interport Trial, Game, H.K.C.C. Ground, 4.30 p.m.

Paper on "Road Construction," by Mr. Frank P. Van Horn, late Superintendent of Highways, New York City, at Engineers and Shipbuilders' Institution, 5.45 p.m.

Masked fancy dress ball at Peak Club for M.C.L. Funds.

Thursday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Musical Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (President McKinley).

Friday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Philharmonic Society present "Pirates of Penzance," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

To Secretaries.

[Secretaries of clubs and associations, etc., are kindly requested to forward any forthcoming events to the Daily Press for inclusion in the above column, which it is our endeavour to keep as correct and up-to-date as possible.]

FINEST OLD VINTAGE

LIQUEUR BRANDY.

The Delight of Epicures.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO. LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance of Hong Kong)

15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. TEL. CENTRAL 75.

THE

HONGKONG

HONGKONG HOTEL; RANTULAY BAY HOTEL.

PRAX HOTEL.

Telegraphic Address:

"KREMLIN, HONGKONG"

AND

SHANGHAI

ARTON HOUSE HOTEL; PALACE HOTEL.

MARITIME HOTEL.

Telegraphic Address:

"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI"

HOTELS

LIMITED.

In association with the GRAND HOTEL DES

WAGONS LITS, PARIS.

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

CENTRAL LOCATION.

Electric Lifts and Lighting.

Telephones on each floor.

Hotel Launch meets all Steamers

Telephone: Central No. 377

Tel. Address: VICTORIA.

J. WITCHELL,
Manager.

PALACE HOTEL.

TEL. Kowloon No. 3. Tel. Ad: "PALACE."

Three Minutes from Kowloon Wharf, Ferry

ANCHOR BRAND PURE MANILA ROPE.

"THE CORDAGE YOU CAN TRUST."

ESTABLISHED 1834

YNCHAUSTI ROPE FACTORY

MANILA

STOCKS ON HAND OF ALL SIZES ENQUIRIES SOLICITED

FACTORIES:—MANILA, P.I.
HONG KONG OFFICE:—KING'S BUILDING.
TELEPHONE CENTRAL 3133. A.P.B.

MARINE ROPE
TRANSMISSION
OF POWER ROPE
CABLE LAID
HAWERS
WELL DRILLING
CABLES

ROPE OF ALL
SIZES FOR ALL
PURPOSES

MADE FROM
PURE MANILA
HEMP

MANUFACTURED
BY THE MOST
MODERN
MACHINERY.

THE 43rd ANNUAL AL FRESCO FETE

OF THE
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

WILL BE HELD

IN THE COMPOUND OF THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL
ON

SUNDAY, 5th DECEMBER, 1926,

from 8.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND LADY CLEMENTI.

ADMISSION.—\$1.00 (each ticket entitled to a Souvenir)
50cts (without Souvenir)

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Admitted at Half Price.

In the afternoon from 2.30 to 6.30 p.m. several STALLS
will be open and amusements specially for children will
be provided. Tea may be obtained at 50 cents per head.
ADMISSION FREE.

The grounds will be brilliantly illuminated in the evening,
and there will be music both in the Afternoon and in
the Evening.

SOME FEATURES OF THE FETE.

TOY BAZAAR. XMAS TREE STALL. PICTURE GALLERY. TEN CENT
STALL. GUESSING COMPETITION FOR A SUCKING PIG. LUCKY
WHEEL. CANDY STALL. DOLL HOUSE. SURPRISE PA KETS.
FISHING POND. CHINESE STALL. FRENCH STALL. AMERICAN
STALL, ETC., ETC.

FARM YARD.

Come and win your Turkeys and Geese for CHRISTMAS.

SEVERAL RAFFLES WITH VALUABLE PRIZES.

Including A NEW FIAT 509, A FOUR SEATER
TORPEDO DE LUXE CAR with all the latest equipment.

No Work of Charity is Foreign to the Society.

COME & HELP HONG KONG'S POOR.

HOTEL PLAZA

Hotel Proprietors Ltd. Proprietors

(Incorporated Under The Companies Ordinance, Hongkong)

CABLE ADDRESS: "PLAZA" SHANGHAI.

85-86 RUE MONTAUBAN, SHANGHAI, CHINA

THE HOTEL PLAZA offers exceptional
advantage to the Traveler. Those who enjoy
and seek a luxurious, quiet, fireproof, and
centrally located Hotel, with moderate tariff,
will appreciate these features.

Featuring nightly, "JACK CARTER'S
PLAZA SERENADERS" for Dancing,
combined with a Cabaret
Entertainment De Luxe.

(American Plan)
100 rooms.

Rates:
Single with bath
Max. \$9.00 up
Double with bath
Max. \$15.00 up
Special Monthly
Tariff M. \$175.00 up

MANAGEMENT OF
JACQUES BLANC

CRICKET.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

K.O.S.B.'S TO PLAY H.K.C.C.

Of great interest is the match to-day
on the Hong Kong Cricket Club's ground
between the Home Club and the King's
Own Scottish Borderers. It will be the Re-
giment's first League match in Hong Kong
and will, therefore, attract a good deal
of attention. The Regiment has, so far,
appeared once since arriving and they
beat a scratch Kowloon side in a fast
scoring match on that occasion.

The Indian Recreation Club's third
match is against the Royal Engineers and
Signals who are appearing for the second
time. The Indians have beaten the Uni-
versity and played a drawn match with
the Civil Service; the Royal Engineers
and Signals lost their first match to the
University.

The Civil Service are appearing for the
third time also. They play Craigengower
away and should have little dif-
ficulty in capturing three points. They
have beaten the Royal Artillery and
drawn with the Indians. Craigengower
play their first match to-day.

The full list of matches for to-day is:

Division I.

League.
Hong Kong C.C. v. K.O.S.B.'s.
Craigengower v. Civil Service.
Indian R.C. v. R.E. and Signals.

FRIENDLY.

Royal Navy v. Royal Artillery.

Division II.

League.
Club de Recreo v. R.A.O.C.

FRIENDLY.

Civil Service C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.
Chinese R.C. v. Diocesan Boys' School.
Tamar v. Royal Navy.

Volunteers v. Civil Service C.C.

In the Cricket match between the
Volunteers and the Civil Service at 11
a.m. sharp on Sunday on the C.S.C.C.
ground, the following will represent the
Volunteers:—E. J. R. Mitchell (captain),
J. A. Summers, J. C. Lyle, C. D. Wales,
H. T. Buxton, H. C. Burgess, H. E.
Standage, J. R. Hinton, E. R. Renton,
C. T. Evans, and F. G. L. Wheeler.

BILLIARDS.

R.A.O.B. v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

"BUFFALOES" NARROW WIN.

A very close and exciting match was
played last night at the Palace Hotel
between sides representing the R.A.O.B.
and H.M.S. "Hawkins." The match was
six-a-side and resulted in a narrow win
for the "Buffaloes" by 4 points.

R.A.O.B.

Lonsdale 60
Reid 149
Goldenberg 150
Earnshaw 150
Cork 150
Larrett 96

Total 655

H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

Brown 150
Stevens 150
Gunnigall 123
Heapey 73
Sto. Brown 100
Kirk 150

Total 651

A BROKER'S TRAMRIDE.

JAPANESE WHO WAS SLIGHTLY
INEBRIATED.

The story of a disturbance on a tram-
car, the refusal to pay a fare, and the
chase of the alleged delinquent by the
conductor was related at the Central
Magistracy yesterday, when Matsuo Yoshi
Shigaya, a Japanese broker of No. 122,
Praya East, was charged with refusing
to pay his fare on a tram on Thursday
night.

The tram conductor stated that defend-
ant failed to produce a season ticket
which he said he held, and when cash was
demanded he searched his pockets and
found only one cent in Hong Kong cur-
rency and a few small Japanese coins.
He then jumped off the car and witness
gave chase. Defendant was arrested by
an Indian constable.

Defendant denied the offence and said
that at the time he was accompanied by
Mr. Lo, a Chinese broker, who paid his
fare.

Asked why he had not called Mr. Lo
as a witness when the police had told
him that it would be necessary, defend-
ant said he did not remember as he was
slightly drunk.

The case was adjourned until to-day
to enable defendant to call his witness.
Bail of \$15 was allowed.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

For the week ending November 27th:

PLAGUE.

3 cases at Bangkok.

1 case at Colombo.

CHOLERA.

1 case at Bangkok.

1 case at Singapore.

32 cases at Haiphong.

1 case at Tourane.

SMALL-POX.

1 case at Madras.

1 case at Vizagapatam.

1 case at Singapore.

1 case at Bangkok.

1 case at Fusan.

RACING NOTES.

(By RAPIER.)

Faunting Hunt.

To-day the Meet is at Pott's Bungalow
at 3 o'clock and on Sunday morning at
Samshui Police Station at 8 o'clock.

The hunting has recently been extra-
ordinarily good as the pack is a first-
class one and foxes are more abundant
in the New Territory than was expected.
The hilly nature of the country makes it
rather difficult to kill as the wily fox
usually goes to earth on rising ground.
The local fox is khaki coloured and is
smaller than the home side animal. The
social side of the hunt is well catered
for by "The Hunter's Arms."

The Kwantli Steeplechase.

Owners are reminded that entries close
to-day for the above meeting on the 18th.
So far the entries are good, but it is
hoped with so many ponies out at Fan-
ling, that the fields will be much above
the average.

Subscription Grifins.

Subscription Grifins are expected to
arrive from the North on or about the
15th inst. Until they arrive there will be
no serious training at Happy Valley as
the race ponies are at present being "let
down." The Patersons' and Stanton's
string are, I believe, all being taken out
to Faunting. The Kwantli Course is quite
suitable for training as there is a sand
track for this purpose.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

NEW ASSISTANT CLERGYMAN.

A WELCOME TO THE REV. W.
WALTON ROGERS.

In his letter in the *Monthly Messenger*,
to the members and congregation of St.
Andrew's Church, Kowloon, the Vicar,
the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, welcomes the
Rev. W. Walton Rogers, who will this
month take the post of Assistant Clergy-
man, which is being vacated this week-
end by the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith, who
leaves for Home accompanied by his wife,
via America in the s.s. *President Jack-
son* on Monday.

The Rev. W. Rogers has worked in
Canton and district, in connection with
the Church Missionary Society, for the
past 17 years, first as Principal of Holy
Trinity College, and more recently as
Warden of St. Andrew's Hostel. He
comes to Kowloon, therefore, as no
stranger to the East. He is a man of
energy and zeal for which he will find
ample scope in the parish. Mr. Rogers
knows St. Andrew's Church well having
paid several visits there, and he is a
personal friend of the Vicar's.

As a keen tennis player, the young men
will find in him one after their own
hearts, and an admirable successor to the
Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith in the work con-
nected with the St. Andrew's Young
Men's Club.

Mrs. Rogers was a C.M.S. Missionary
before her marriage, and, like her hus-
band, has wide experience in church
work.

Mr. Rogers will preach at both morn-
ing and evening services on Sunday,
December 19th, and the Rev. G. E.
Arrowsmith will preach his farewell ser-
mon at St. Andrew's Church to-morrow
at both services.

A social evening to welcome the Rev.
W. W. Rogers and Mrs. Rogers to St.
Andrew's is to be held in the Church
Hall.

EXCHANGE RATES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, December 3rd.

Paris	120 1/2
Geneva	25 1/4
Berlin	20 3/8
Olo	19 1/2
Helsinki	19 1/2
Rio	6 3/8
Shanghai	2 1/4
New York	4 1/4 15/16
Amsterdam	12 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/8
Vienna	24 3/4
Madrid	31 1/2
Buenos Aires	45 1/2
Brussels	34 3/8
Milan	11 3/4
Copenhagen	18 3/4
Prague	16 1/2
Lisbon	2 1/2 3/4
Bombay	1 5/8 13/16
Yokohama	2 1/8 1/2
Hong Kong	1 1/8
Silver (spot)	24 5/8
Silver (forward)	24 1/2

British Columbia

TRUSTEE
SECURITIES
BONDS

Domestic Government
Municipal
Industrial
Real Estate and
Mortgages

R. P. CLARK & CO.
REAL ESTATE-INSURANCE-INVESTMENT
Victoria & Vancouver

TO-DAY ONLY!

QUEEN'S

CONSTANCE TALMADGE

A Romantic comedy of the days of James II

THE DANGEROUS MAID

WORLD

THE IRON HORSE

STAR

5.15 to 8.45 p.m.

MY OLD DUTCH

9.20 p.m.

THE GOOSE WOMAN

THEATRE ROYAL.

December 10th, 11th, 13th, 17th and 18th
at 9.15 p.m.

MATINEE: (Children Half Price.)

Wednesday, December 15th at 4.30 p.m.

You will not get the best seats by
delaying your booking.

Book at Anderson's NOW.

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

No connection with THE BIAS BAY FIRM.

(4165)

THE NAVY'S CHOICE



PLYMOUTH GIN

OBTAINABLE EVERYWHERE.

Hongkong Weekly Press.

PUBLIC INTEREST IN CHINA AFFAIRS IS
GROWING STEADILY IN ENGLAND. A WEEK
RARELY PASSES NOW WITHOUT A NUMBER
OF QUESTIONS BEING ASKED IN THE HOUSE
OF COMMONS REGARDING HAPPENINGS AT
HANKOW AND CANTON.

The news sent by cable is necessarily scanty. Private
letters cannot fill the gaps. The people at Home,
particularly those having business associations with
the Far East or friends in China, will want to read
the detailed reports gathered from all quarters in
order that they may follow events intelligently.

These reports appear in the **HONGKONG
WEEKLY PRESS**, published to day and every
Saturday. This week's issue also contains the full
account of St. Andrew's Ball. It will show friends at
Home that in spite of wars and rumours of wars,
strikes, labour troubles and trade disorders, Hong
Kong carries on as usual and that Scotch hospitality
is not on the wane.

The subscription list of the **HONGKONG
WEEKLY PRESS** is steadily increasing. A
copy of the paper will be sent regularly each week
to any address from January 1st to December
31st, 1927, on receipt of \$15. The annual sub-
scription in Hong Kong is \$13. Put your friend's
name on the subscribers' list without delay.

32 Pages—Price 30 Cents.

The Paper with the Familiar Yellow Cover.

(On Sale by all Regular Newsboys.)

Summit COLOURED SHIRTS

with the Coat sleeve and flat-setting cuffs

For neatness, comfort and all-round satisfaction the white or coloured Tunic Shirt is unsurpassed for day wear. We show you well-made shirts in a fine selection of designs, from the neat and popular "pin" stripes to more pronounced effects—both on white and on coloured grounds. Fresh Bangs are constantly reaching us, so you may always see what is "new" in Coloured Shirts.

Shirts with two Collars to Match \$6.50-\$8.50 \$9.50

WE ALLOW 10% DISCOUNT FOR CASH



Mackintosh

MEN'S WEAR SPECIALISTS & Co. Ltd.
ALEXANDRA BUILDING. DES VOEUX ROAD

By Appointment **GENERAL ACCIDENT, FIRE & LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LTD.** By Appointment



A TIMELY REMINDER.
Apply to the Agents—
JAMES H. BACKHOUSE, LTD.
14, CHATELAIN ROAD (3rd Floor).

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

CARNIVAL

ON
SATURDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1926.
DINNER \$4 PER HEAD.
(FANCY OR EVENING DRESS.)

LATE BUS TO THE HONGKONG HOTEL 12.30 P.M.

Tables may now be booked
at the Hongkong or Repulse Bay Hotels
Telephones C. 2581 and C. 776.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD

Please Note!

FAIRY PLAY AND SHADOW PICTURES

CHRISTMAS MATINEES

AT
The Theatre Royal

ON
DECEMBER 22nd & 23rd

AT
4.30 P.M.

IN AID OF

THE MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE

AND
THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

"NO OPTION BUT TO OBEY."

"SUNNING" CAPTAIN'S GRAPHIC STORY.

THREATENED WITH REVOLVER BY ANGRY PIRATE.

SHIP HEADED STRAIGHT FOR LAMON ROCKS.

PIRACY TRIAL OPENED AT MAGISTRACY.

"I had no other option but to do what they wanted me to," I was under their orders, and if I had not done what they wanted me to, it would have been the finish of the ship, myself, the officers and the passengers," said Captain James Pringle, Master of the ill-fated *Sunning* (China Navigation Company) when giving evidence at the opening of the trial of the alleged pirates at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The case was outlined by Mr. H. K. Holmes (Crown Solicitor) and, following this, Captain Pringle related a graphic story of how he was greeted with the startling news that pirates were in control of the ship. Several of the gang forced their way into the Chart Room, took his weapons, "prodded him with a revolver, and smacked the wireless operator's face because he could not understand their dialect.

When the twenty accused men, held on charges arising out of the piracy of the *Sunning* were led, handcuffed in twos, into Court, the public portion of the building was already crowded with spectators, the majority being Chinese. Taking up their position in front of the dock, behind the solicitor's table, the accused presented an interesting spectacle. Rather on the short side for the most part, their countenances varied in expression. The majority appeared to take little interest in their surroundings; few looked "tough customers," and all were rough and unkempt. Some were fairly well dressed, in simple, native clothing; some were barefooted, and others had shoes but no socks. One man was still wearing bloodstained trousers and a bandage around his head.

On taking up their positions in the dock, the handcuffs were removed, and a strong guard of police officers and Chinese detectives, placed themselves at the doors of the Court and elsewhere. Each prisoner had a card round his neck, bearing a number and his name in English and Chinese.

The hearing of the evidence of each witness will take a considerable time as it has to be translated into half-dozen dialects, including Cantonese, Fukien, Ningpo, Japanese, etc. Five interpreters have been engaged. Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask is defending the 19th accused, Mr. Leo d'Almada the 2nd accused and Mr. M. K. Lo the 6th and ten others.

The names, age and occupation of each of the defendants, together with the town or village from which he is stated to come from, is as follows:—

- 1.—Lam Tse Leung 35, cloth seller, Hoi Fung.
- 2.—Lam Hon Ki 32, disbanded soldier, Hoi Fung.
- 3.—Chan Loi 33, tin-smith, Sham Chun.
- 4.—Sun Mau 26, unemployed, Tai Ping.
- 5.—Chang Chu Ming 26, unemployed, Waichow.
- 6.—So Tik Sui 40, Mason, Aberdeen.
- 7.—Wu Pang 23, unemployed, Tung Kun.
- 8.—Lai Chuen Chun 44, druggist, Formosa.
- 9.—Lei Tai 36, unemployed, Canton.
- 10.—Lei Yun 32, fitter, Tung Kun.
- 11.—Sam Tsui 26, unemployed, San Ming.
- 12.—Leung Tsok 29, pantryman, Nam Hoi.
- 13.—Chan Lu 23, coolie, Waichow.
- 14.—Tam Lam 29, stoker, Tung Kun.
- 15.—Tam Nagai Shi 23, sailor, Tung Kun.
- 16.—Kwok Man 26, sailor, Tung Kun.
- 17.—Tsu Wu 24, carpenter, Pun U.
- 18.—Tao Wo 38, stoker, Tung Kun.
- 19.—Tze Chung 41, carpenter, Ningpo.
- 20.—Chan Kam 36, disbanded soldier, Waichow.

Opening the case on behalf of the Crown, Mr. Holmes said: "I am proposed to open rather shortly. He did not wish to go at length into the case, as it seemed to him that the story would unfold itself.

Mr. Holmes related how the *Sunning* left Amoy on November 15th for Hong Kong. The Captain was about to go to the Chart Room in the afternoon to sight the Lammocks, when his Second Officer rushed in and told him that there were pirates on board. A few seconds later a pirate, pushed a revolver against the Captain's body, and there was a lot of talking in Chinese which was not understood. Eventually it was found that the pirates were referring to a place called "Sai Mun" on the western side of Bias Bay, but the leader of the gang said they wanted Ping Hoi on the eastern side of Bias Bay.

Later, said Mr. Holmes, Mr. Lapsley, one of the European passengers, who was coming to Hong Kong, was called upon by the pirates to act as interpreter, and appeared to be appointed interpreter.

Mr. Lindsell asked what was meant by saying that Mr. Lapsley was appointed interpreter?

The Pirates Threat.

Mr. Holmes replied that Mr. Lapsley made arrangements with the ship's officers on behalf of the pirates and acted as their interpreter and was walking about with the principal pirate.

Continuing, Mr. Holmes said that the Captain of the *Sunning* was given to understand that if he took the ship to the point the pirates indicated no harm would be done to him or to anyone else. On the other hand, if resistance was made the pirates threatened extreme action, even if it meant that they would have to shoot themselves afterwards.

The Crown Solicitor went on to relate how the ship was kept on her course by the Captain, who was on the bridge with the Chief Officer from the time the pirates were discovered, until 8.40 p.m. when he (the Captain) went for a meal. At this time the ship was completely in charge of the pirates, but the second officer was allowed a certain amount of liberty and went about the ship, with a view to seeing if it was possible to recapture the vessel. He succeeded in obtaining a revolver. The Chief Officer

went down to dinner about seven o'clock, and the Chief Engineer, who had been below, was spoken to as to the possibility of retaking the *Sunning*.

About nine o'clock the officers succeeded in closing the grilles and locking them.

In answer to Mr. Lindsell, Mr. Holmes said that most of the pirates were armed, and there was a constant coming and going. The Captain even found two of them in a cabin smoking opium. The pirates were all about the ship, and eventually became very suspicious.

Scheme to Recapture Ship.

Proceeding, Mr. Holmes said that the Second Officer (Mr. Hurst) explained to his fellow-officers his scheme for the recapturing of the vessel. The ship was allowed to continue on its course until after midnight when there were on the bridge the Captain, Chief Officer, Second Officer, a quartermaster and two pirates.

Chilang Point Light was approached, and as the light showed up the Chief Officer pointed out the light to the two pirates. He handed one of the pirates a pair of binoculars, and while both were looking at the spot indicated, one through the glasses, and the other with the naked eye, the Second Officer armed himself with a deep sea lead, a formidable weapon something like a truncheon. The Second Officer struck one of the men on the head, and directly afterwards struck the other. One man was knocked out, but the second man rushed at the Chief Officer (Mr. Beatty), who grappled with him, and overcame him.

Just then a pirate came up from the alleyway and fired two shots at the Second Officer, who being armed, returned the fire, and the pirate fell down, apparently dead. The Chief Officer hit one pirate, breaking a rifle in the process.

A revolver was handed to the Captain, and eventually one side of the bridge was guarded by the Captain and the Second Officer. A running fight ensued, and a spasm of firing went on for some hours. Eventually the pirates became desperate and set fire to the ship in the alleyway near the after deck. The officers managed to snipe several more of the pirates by the light of the flames. At length one of the pirates called out to the Captain that if he and his comrades gave up their arms the fire would be put out. This offer was immediately refused.

Pirate Leader Leaves.

About this time a small boat No. 5, was lowered and put off by the pirates, and apparently the leader went in that boat. It was lowered partly by the ship's guards and by the ship's crew.

In his evidence, said Mr. Holmes, the Captain of the *Sunning* would say that the boat was not handled in a seamanlike manner; that there was a high sea running, and that the boat was not under proper control. At any rate, this boat had never been heard of since.

Later another boat, No. 6, was lowered, this being the boat which, H.M.S. *Bluebell* picked up with nine pirates on board.

While the fire was at its worst and the flames spreading, the No. 2 boat was lowered from the port side of the boat deck by the officer. In her were the Chief Officer, the third engineer, the lady passenger and the quartermasters. There was no intention of letting the boat go unless real danger arose, but the little craft drifted away. She was picked up by a Norwegian vessel, and eventually the passengers were brought back to Hong Kong by a British vessel.

After this boat left the *Sunning*, at about 4.40 a.m., went on Mr. Holmes, any attempt by the pirates to recapture the ship seems to have stopped. The Captain and the crew started at once to grapple with the fire.

Assistance Arrives.

Assistance came at length, however, in the shape of H.M.S. *Bluebell*. A Japanese steamer, also arrived on the scene about two o'clock in the morning, but went off. Another vessel also appeared about three o'clock. Later the *Sunning* appeared and stood by the *Sunning*. Assistance by the *Sui Yang* and *Bluebell* was given in putting out the fire, and the *Bluebell* then left in search of the boats; while the *Sui Yang* continued to stand by the stricken ship, and eventually accompanied the *Sunning* back to Hong Kong when she was taken in tow by the tug *Taikoo*.

Commenting on what happened on board the *Sunning* when the pirates were in control, Mr. Holmes said the Chinese passengers were driven down into the large open space in the ship (No. 4 hold "tween decks).

As far as the third class passengers were concerned, said the Crown Solicitor, there were one or two cases of watches being stolen, etc. The pirates chiefly went for the second class passengers, however, from whom they stole money, rings and bracelets.

Mr. Holmes then referred to the safe being rifled, and said that the second commander would say that he found the safe empty, several thousand dollars being stolen.

This concluded the opening statement for the Crown and evidence was then called.

THE EVIDENCE.

Photographs Put In.

Sub-Inspector Vincent was the first witness called, and he put in copies of four photographs which he had taken on board the *Sunning* at Taikoo Dock.

Mr. d'Almada questioned the Inspector as to how many photographs were taken, and Inspector Vincent replied six altogether.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that he could not see that it was essential as to whether the Inspector had taken any more photographs than those put in or not.

Mr. d'Almada replied that he asked the question because he could not say at present whether it would be of use to his defence or not.

Mr. Lindsell: I cannot see how it can be essential in any case as to how many photographs the Inspector took of the ship.

Mr. d'Almada: You need not take it down your Worship, but I must ask the question. He might have taken photographs of the men as well as the ship.

Mr. Lindsell: I thought you were referring to the ship.

The Captain's Story.

Proceeding, Mr. Holmes said that the Captain James Pringle, Master of the *Sunning*, was the next witness called, and he unfolded part of a very interesting story. He had by no means completed his evidence when the Court adjourned, and he will continue his narrative this morning.

Capt. Pringle said that since August 2nd last he had been Master of the *Sunning*.

Witness then went on to describe the various decks and other parts of the vessel, dealing with the main deck, saloon deck, boat deck and bridge deck and navigating bridge. He mentioned that the boats were numbered, odd numbers on the starboard side and even numbers on the port side. He also described the position of the wireless operator's room on the after part of the boat-deck and spoke of the position of the grilles, which ran athwart the ship on the saloon deck. There were four holds, and the No. 4 hold "tween decks was sometimes used for third class Chinese passengers, and sometimes for freight. It was possible, said witness in reply to a question by Mr. Holmes, for access to be obtained to the bridge through a skylight in his cabin.

"On November 15th," continued Capt. Pringle, "the *Sunning* left Amoy for Hong Kong with general cargo and passengers. About 3 p.m. the same day we were between the Lammocks and the mainland side. About 3.30 p.m. the boy woke me in my cabin and brought me some tea. I finished it and proceeded toward the Chart Room for the purpose of seeing the Lammocks, which I knew I ought to be able to see about this time.

Capt. Pringle went on to say that while going from his cabin into the Chart Room he heard a row, but took little notice of it, as it was quite usual when carrying Chinese passengers for there to be a lot of talking and noise.

Faces at the Window.

"I had entered the Chart Room, had looked at the Lammocks, and was about to go and see what the row was about when the second officer entered the Chart Room and said 'there are pirates on board.' I repeated 'pirates,' and with that some strange faces appeared at the port window of the Chart Room."

Capt. Pringle proceeded to relate how he went toward the port side door to go out, but before he could reach it the door was opened from the outside and several pirates were seen to be there. "I made to go out," continued the witness, "but they pushed me back into the Chart Room again and several of them began flourishing automatic revolvers. I asked them in English what they wanted, and one of them pointed to his revolver."

By this, Capt. Pringle said, he understood that the pirates wanted his guns. He took three of them into his cabin and showed them a locker, from which they took a rifle and a revolver. They then indicated that they wanted the ammunition, and witness showed them another locker and they took fifty rounds of rifle ammunition and 25 rounds of revolver ammunition.

They then took witness back into the Chart Room and spoke in Chinese, but witness could not understand what they said. The Cantonese wireless operator was then requisitioned, but he too failed to understand what the pirates were saying or wanting.

Smacked his Face.

"When they could not make the wireless operator understand," continued Capt. Pringle, "they became exasperated and smacked his face. One of the pirates got angry and rammed his gun into my stomach, but another of the pirates shoved him away."

Capt. Pringle identified the third accused as the man who shoved his gun into his stomach, and also identified the sixth accused as the man who shoved his companion away. Witness added that No. 8 was also armed.

"At this juncture," went on Capt. Pringle, "a tall, well-dressed Chinaman, wearing a long coat, soft hat, and spectacles with horn rims, came in and spoke to the wireless operator. The wireless operator then told me that 'Sai Mun' was referred to."

Witness pointed out on the chart "Sai Mun," which is on the western side of the entrance to Bias Bay. The well-dressed Chinaman then pointed out Ping Hoi, which is on the eastern side of the entrance to Bias Bay, and is a small inland town.

Capt. Pringle added that at this time the well-dressed man had a pipe in his hand, but later witness saw him with a revolver.

Appared to be the Leader.

In answer to Mr. Holmes, Captain Pringle said that this man appeared to be the leader of the gang, for the other pirates fell back on his entry to the Chart Room, and were very silent when he spoke.

Witness was informed through the wireless operator that no harm would befall the officers or the Europeans if the ship was taken to where the pirates wished.

Witness promised to take the ship where the pirates wished, but on going to the bridge he found that the ship's course had been altered and that they were heading towards Lamon Rocks. He explained to the apparent leader that if they remained on this course they would have to go down to Lammocks to avoid the rocks. After a lot of talking he (witness) was allowed to haul the ship around on to her old course.

The Captain's Predicament.

In answer to Mr. Holmes, Captain Pringle said "If I had done what they wanted there was a chance of a finish—the finish of the ship, the finish of me and the officers, and the finish of the passengers. I had to think of the ship, the crew, the passengers, and the Company. They had said they would not harm the ship or Europeans if I did what they wished. I had no option but to do what they wanted me to."

Continuing his evidence, Captain Pringle said that when he reached the navigating bridge there was the Chief Officer, the second officer, two quartermasters and three pirates there. More pirates followed him up. The pirates talked for a considerable time as to whether the course should be changed. Some of them did not seem to like the idea of changing course, and appeared to dislike having to go near the highhouse. Eventually, however, they allowed him to alter course, as stated.

At this stage of the proceedings, Capt. Pringle pointed out the 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 11th and 20th accused as being on the bridge at the time he referred to.

Capt. Pringle said he was on the bridge or in the chart room until about 6.40 or 7 o'clock, when he went down, and had his dinner. The Chief Officer remained on the bridge during his absence.

Company's Steamer Passed.

"When we were approaching the Lammocks," continued Capt. Pringle, "we passed the *Anhui*, one of the Company's steamers. She put up her flag, but the pirates would not allow me to put up our flag. This was about 4.30. The master of the *Anhui* is senior to him, and I should have dipped my flag to him first. I leaned out over the end of the bridge, and the Chief Officer took up another prominent position, so that in case anyone on the *Anhui* was looking out with glasses they would see us and know that there was something wrong when I had failed to dip my flag, which is the rule. I was hoping they would realise something was wrong."

At this juncture, of Capt. Pringle's evidence, Mr. Lindsell adjourned the case until this morning at 11 o'clock, when Captain Pringle will again go into the box.

The accused were then re-manned and taken back to the goal.

COAL DESTROYED AT EAST POINT.

About a hundred tons of Japanese coal was destroyed by fire at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's godown at East Point yesterday. Two fire engines, one from Central and the other from Wanchai, were despatched to the scene soon after 12.30 p.m. and eventually extinguished the blaze. One pump was, however, kept on until late in the evening.

At about 4.30 p.m. the Fire Brigade had a call to a private house in Russell Street where a fire had occurred on the second floor. Damage, however, amounted only to about \$30.

WEATHER REPORT.

The weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 8.10 p.m. yesterday, states:—

The anti-cyclone has strengthened slightly. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local forecast: N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

CITIZENS' CONVENTION.

TO BE HELD IN CANTON
NEXT MONTH.STRIKERS' LODGING HOUSE
RAIDED.

POLICE MAKE SEVERAL ARRESTS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The "Left" and "Right" sections of the Kuomintang in Canton are trying to outdo each other in "packing" the convention of Kwangtung citizens which it is proposed to hold in Canton early next month. The convention is supposed to represent all classes of citizens in the Province belonging to the Kuomintang Party.

The Exodus to Wuchang.

The school of cadets in Canton which is concerned with training minor employees for the Kuomintang will follow the Kuomintang headquarters to Wuchang sometime this month. The cadets of the Central School of Jitai and Military Science at Whampoa will remain where they are. Part of the aviation force and all river gunboats and small cruisers now in Canton will remain. The Coast Defence Squadron and River flotilla will be placed under the command of Captain Pau Wen Tze, a veteran naval officer who is a graduate of the early Chinese Naval Academy in North China.

Strike Committee.

By special order of the Kuomintang authorities, the Canton police raided the lodging house of the Canton Strike Committee at Kah Naam Tong, West Bund, on November 30th, and took a number of men into custody on charges of gambling and committing other offences.

Clerks in the modern Chinese banks in Canton, who have just organised a union, are preparing a series of demands for higher pay and better conditions.

On the ground that the cost of living in Wuchow has risen by more than a third since the beginning of the present year, the *fukis* on the salted fish, marine food and grocery trades are asking for an increase of wages. The increases demanded range from five to sixty per cent. and, in addition, the stipulation is made that no non-union men shall be employed without the consent of the union.

Good Girls.

The girls of the Canton Telephone Exchange have assured the Municipal Authorities that they will not go on strike at present. They wish to avoid disturbing the community at a time when every attention should be given to the armed struggle against the militarists in North China.

The Rice Trade.

The proprietors of rice firms in Canton have expressed their willingness to submit to the terms demanded by the Labour Unions, but they refuse to compensate the workmen for the loss incurred during the strike. The employers contend that they themselves have been the losers and argue that "even workmen in imperialistic countries would not ask for such unreasonable concessions."

Since the decision of the Kuomintang in Canton to take over the property of the Canton Water Supply Company the value of the shares in the concern have fallen from \$4.80 to \$2.15.

From January next the taxes on a number of articles in Swatow, including wine and tobacco, will be increased by fifty per cent.

Chinese Premier.

Among those mentioned as likely to succeed Dr. Wellington Koo as acting Premier in Peking is Mr. Liang Shi Yi. Mr. Liang is, of course, a well-known Cantonese. His native district is Sam-shui, in Kwangtung, but he makes his home in Hongkong.

THE TIENTSIN ARRESTS.

NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT
PROTEST TO LONDON.CHARGE OF ASSISTING NORTHERN
PARTY.

TEXT OF THE TELEGRAM.

Reference was made yesterday to the reported arrest of fourteen members of the Kuomintang in Tientsin. These men, it is stated, were handed over by the Police to the Fengtien military authorities.

No official statement has been issued regarding the incident and the only information comes from the Chinese Press.

Yesterday the Nationalist Government sent a long cable to the Foreign Office in London on the subject. The text of this cable has been forwarded to us by the Canton Information Bureau and is as follows:

"In response to nation-wide popular indignation and after a thorough examination of the matter the Nationalist Government deems it necessary to enter a most energetic protest against the arrest of fourteen members of the Kuomintang in the British Concession at Tientsin on November 23rd, and their delivery into the hands of the Fengtien military authorities. The fourteen Chinese citizens were peacefully living within the limits of the British Concession which is Chinese territory. There was no previous accusation of any sort against them, so it is to be presumed they had not been disturbers of order, or the British authorities would long since have taken the ordinary action against any trouble-makers or promoters of disorder. The sudden decision of the British authorities in the British Concession at Tientsin to have these fourteen men arrested and delivered into the hands of the Fengtien authorities was inspired by representatives of the Fengtien Party. The amazing promptness with which the British Diplomatic Consular authorities complied with the request of these Fengtien authorities to move against Chinese citizens who happen to be members of the Kuomintang seems to indicate clearly enough that the British Authorities in China are deliberately giving assistance to the political and military adversaries of the Nationalist Government, an attitude which is not only in contravention of the principles of International Law, but also against the rights of our people. This action we deem to have been an unqualified violation of the rights of Chinese citizens residing within the limits of the Foreign Concession. It is a crime against humanity and a wilful and deliberate pronouncement by the British Authorities in China against the national aspiration of the Chinese people.

British Government Held Responsible.

"The Nationalist Government is not yet in receipt of definite information regarding the fate of the fourteen men handed over to the Fengtien military leaders by the British Authorities in China. There is ample reason to fear, however, that they have been murdered under simple pretext of 'execution.' This is to be feared in the light of the widespread knowledge of the 'summary apparatus' which has always characterized the Fengtien authorities. If this sad result has followed the delivery of these men into their hands by the British Authorities in China, then the Nationalist Government and the Government will be forced to hold the British Government responsible and will be compelled to demand adequate indemnity for their lives.

"If it should be that the British Legation at Peking acted upon its sole responsibility in handing over these men to the Fengtien authorities then the Nationalist Government hopes the officials responsible will be punished and that instructions will be issued to their successors that there must be an end to such illegal, as well as inhuman action.

"Meanwhile, the Nationalist Government expects to be apprised that the British Government has urgently telegraphed to its Legation at Peking and its Consulate at Tientsin to make a thorough investigation as to the whereabouts of the arrested men and to demand their release. In this event also the Nationalist Government will ask compensation for the arrested men.

A Solemn Warning.

"The Nationalist Government takes this opportunity to warn the British Government against its apparent policy of antagonism towards the Nationalist Movement, Nationalist Government and Nationalist China. It is in complete contravention of its often expressed desire to further the ends of peace. It is difficult for the Nationalist Government to understand this phase of British policy in China in forcibly intruding in Chinese affairs. For its consequences the Nationalist Government will hold the British Government to strict accountability."

Three Minutes' Silence.

In this connection the Thirteenth Joint Conference of the Political Department of the Nationalist Government adopted the following resolutions concerning the Tientsin affair:

"That strong protest be lodged with the British Government; that a warning be issued to the British Consul at Tientsin; that popular demonstrations be held; that steps be taken to help the arrested Kuomintang members; that subscriptions be solicited from all classes to help the arrested men; that party meetings be marked by three minutes' silence as a tribute to the arrested members.

CHAIRMAN OF STRIKE
COMMITTEE.INTERVIEW WITH MR. SOO SHIU
CHING.THE RECENT FIRE AND THE
BOYCOTT OF STEAMBOAT CO.

The Canton Gazette of yesterday published an interview with Mr. Soo Shiu Ching, the Chairman of the Canton Strike Committee.

Mr. Soo, of course, reiterated the denial that he had been arrested on a charge of incendiarism in connection with the fire at the Strike Headquarters three weeks ago.

"This is not the first of these malicious rumours," he stated. "All sorts of allegations have been made against me in the course of the last many months, including a recent one of my having purchased a concubine for \$800."

There has never been any secrecy about the accounts of the Strike Committee, Mr. Soo said. The accounts were published regularly and a printed financial bulletin issued daily to the various unions, giving data on receipts and expenditure.

Immediately after the fire, an investigation committee of four members, two of the strikers' committee, one of the picket committee and one striker was formed. The following day at a full meeting of the strikers, there was general questioning about the fire and a report of the committee.

Fortunately, says Mr. Soo, the committee's headquarters jettied out over the canal and five iron safes were found in the bottom of the canal after the fire. When these were raised, they were immediately sealed and not opened until representatives of the Hong Kong Strikers' Union and the Shamen Strikers' Union were present. When they were opened they were found to contain \$13,500 in Government bonds, \$9,000 in coin, \$10,000 in drafts, \$3,000 in Hong Kong currency, between \$600 and \$700 in Central Bank notes, \$5,000 in Bangkok drafts and a few hundred dollars in Dutch coins. Only one wooden box, which contained money for current expenses, perhaps \$400 to \$500, was destroyed.

In the checking up that followed the fire, there were only six days, November 1st to 6th, to be accounted for, as October accounts had been audited, published and issued to the unions. The difference between receipts recovered from the water and the money in the safes, amounted to only about \$1,000, which can be accounted for by destroyed records from the various departments.

As evidence of the honesty of the Financial Commission, Mr. Soo cited the fact that after the fire, the Commission turned over \$3,000 Hong Kong currency, which had recently been received from the Dutch East Indies and had just been handed to the Commission by the General Chamber of Commerce, and \$20,000 in Central Bank notes which had been received just prior to the fire and which no one but the Commission knew had not been in the buildings at the time they were burned.

The Boycott of the Steamboat Co.

When Mr. Soo's attention was called to the report in the Press that the Seamen's Union was boycotting the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co.'s boats, he expressed the opinion that this report was another attempt on the part of Hong Kong to intimidate the world that trouble with Canton continued, so as to line up public opinion to back Hong Kong in any action that might be taken in the future.

He then, very naturally, stated that the fault rested with the Steamboat Company and not with the Seamen's Union, and charged the Steamboat Company with refusing to keep an agreement made regarding the replacing of stewards and pilots.

This charge, of course, need not be taken seriously. The facts of the case are known in Hong Kong and it can be stated definitely that the Company has certainly not repudiated any agreement, or broken any promise made to the Seamen's Union.

THE CHINA MERCHANTS' S.N.
CO.'S VESSELS.

STILL DETAINED IN CANTON.

ILL-TREATMENT OF MEMBERS OF
THE CREW.

It is unfortunate that the Chairman of the Strike Committee, in the interview published above, did not refer to the detention of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's vessels in Canton or to the treatment being meted out to several members of the crews.

"The vessels are picketed, and the crews are under guard, but it is reported that three men have been taken prisoners and have been beaten unmercifully to provide an example for the others. At intervals the members of the crews are paraded in order that they may see for themselves the pitiable state to which these unfortunate beings have been reduced by the brutal treatment they have received."

JARDINE, MATHESON GODOWN
RAIDED AT CANTON.

A godown at Canton belonging to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., was raided by a small band of robbers on Wednesday night and the watchman was shot and seriously wounded.

Police whistles were blown by the employees and the raiders decamped without securing any booty.

We learn authoritatively that the firm do not attach any serious significance to the affair.

TO-MORROW'S BIG FETE.

FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY.AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME
ARRANGED.

Another effort on behalf of the charitable work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and associated with the Rose Day, successfully organised again this year, is to take place to-morrow (Sunday) in the compound of the Catholic Church, Glenale.

This is the 43rd annual Al Fresco Fete and it will last from 2.30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Everything has been organised to the satisfaction of the Bazaar Committee and the usual large attendance is consequently expected. There will be numerous stalls with articles to suit all pockets, from the 10 cents to the \$5 stall. The ladies of the French community will have a stall of their own under the charge of Madame de la Prade.

There will be again the popular "Farm Yard" stocked with home-raised turkeys, geese, sucking pigs, game pie, etc. The greatest attraction, of course, will be the draw for the Fiat Car which will take place at 10.30 p.m. Messrs. H. Ammann, H. M. Hendricksen, Li Yat Choi, C. P. Marcel, George de la Prade, C. A. da Rosa, Com. Stefano Cariani, Li Yat Choi and Simon Tse Yan will act as scrutineers.

For the evening the grounds will be illuminated, and by kind permission of Lt.-Col. L. J. Conyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Officers, the Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers will perform the following programme of music:—

Afternoon: 3 p.m.-4 p.m.

1. March—"The Thin Red Line" Afford.
2. Overture—"Mirella" Gounod.
3. Three Dances to Henry VIII. German.
4. Selection—"The Geisha" Jones.
5. Marche—"Salut D'Amour" Elgar.
6. Selection—"Carmen" Bizet.
7. Cornet Solo—"Berceuse de Jockey" Godard.
8. (a) Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana" Mascagni.
- (b) Entracte—"Ireland for Ever" Myddleton.
9. Selection—"The Merry Widow" Lehár.
10. Fox Trot—"So's Your Old Lady" Burke.

"Blue Bonnets O'er The Border."

God Save The King.

Evening: 8.30 p.m.-11.30 p.m.

1. March—"The Trossachs" Fitz-Earle.
2. Suite—"Neapolitan Scenes" Massenet.
3. Selection—"Favourite Airs" Sullivan.
4. Description—"In a Monastery Garden" Kately.
5. (a) Humoresque Dvorak.
- (b) Idyll—"An Evening Breeze" Langey.
6. Selection—"The Lightning Switch" Afford.
7. Oriental Scene—"A Dervish Chorus in the Soudan" Selenick.
8. Fox Trot—"Jack in the Box" Nicholls.
9. Spanish Serenade—"La Paloma" Yradiar.
10. Selection—"Mercenary Mary" Godfrey.

"Blue Bonnets O'er The Border."

God Save The King.

Conductor: Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster.

FURTHER DONATIONS.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul begs to acknowledge further donations to the funds of the Al Fresco Fete on December 5th:

Mr. Ching Mun Sau (Canton)	\$ 5
Mr. Yeung In Tong (Canton)	5
Mr. J. B. Addison	5
Anonymous	10
Mr. E. Marshall	25
Hon. Mr. W. T. and Mrs. Southern ..	25

Messdames Flint, J. D. Stephen, Maria J. R. Osmond, useful articles; The Eastern Bazaar, 3 pairs of flower vases and 100 pieces of useful articles from the Chinese Sisters of the Precious Blood Convent.

POLICE BATTLE WITH
DESPERADOES.

AFFRAY AT GIN DRINKERS' BAY.

FOUR ROBBERS KILLED AND
FOUR ARRESTED.

Out of nine armed robbers who planned a raid on the Wo Lung distillery in the village of Kwai Chung, near Gin Drinkers' Bay on Thursday night, four were shot dead by the Police, four were arrested and one only escaped.

Such in brief is the story of a sensational skirmish between a party of Police and the robbers, which was contained in yesterday's reports. One Chinese detective was wounded.

The Police had learned of the planned attack, and a party under Sub-Inspector Andrews went out. The party lay in wait in the building, and at about 10 p.m. a junk came into the bay, and six men got ashore. Two were armed with revolvers and three with daggers. They made for the distillery, and when they discovered that a trap had been laid for them, they opened fire on the police. Sub-Inspector Andrews and Sergeant Goodwin were shot at point blank, but the bullets went wide and they shot their assailants dead. Two more were disposed of, and before the junk could get away it was boarded and its occupants arrested. One man managed to escape.

The Chinese constable was wounded with a dagger. All the arrested men had wire gags and handcuffs in their possession.

The four arrested men were formally charged and remanded at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday.

Wm. POWELL, Ltd.

Telephone C. 4578

GENTLEMEN'S
TAILORS AND OUTFITTERS

12, Des Voeux Road.

Have received a Very Smart Selection in
TIES with
HANDKERCHIEFS to match.In many pleasing Designs and Colourings,
Price: \$4.75 and \$5.50 per set."YOWNES" AND "DENTS"
GLOVES

IN

GREY, CHAMOIS, BROWN, FAWN & NATURAL
LEATHER, FABRIC AND BEAVER BUCK.
LINED OR UNLINED.Are you getting the full
benefit of the bracing weather?

HEMOSTYL SYRUP

WILL HELP YOU TO.

On Sale at all Dispensaries.

SOLE AGENTS:

COMPAGNIE OPTORG.

[A.P.A.]

COLUMBIA NEW-PROCESS RECORDS.

ALDERSHOT SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO. Parts 1 and 2.

Part 1. First Post (Bugles); Bugle Marches and Band; Georgia; Le Clarion Anglaise; The Rifles.
Bugles of H.M. ROYAL HORSE GUARDS (Blues) and Band of H.M. GRENADIER GUARDS.

Part 2.—Oriental Music: In a Chinese Temple Garden; Entry of Drums and Pipes; The Red Ocelot March; Trumpeters; Cavalry Mass Call; Stridles; Old English Fanfare.
Trumpeters of H.M. ROYAL HORSE GUARDS (Blues) and Band of H.M. GRENADIER GUARDS.

ALDERSHOT SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO. Parts 3 and 4.

Part 3.—Entry of Pipe Band; The Back of Bannachie March; Strathgarry; Miss Drummond of Perth; Beal; Reel of Tulloch; March; Road to the Isles; Elbow March; Highland Cradle Song.
Pipe Band of H.M. SCOTS GUARDS.

Part 4.—Entry of Guards; The British Grenadiers March; Troop; The Colours; Evening Hymn; The Day Thou Gavest (Choir and Band).
Band of H.M. GRENADIER GUARDS. With FULL CHOIR.

Only the NUMBER is necessary when ordering COLUMBIA Records.

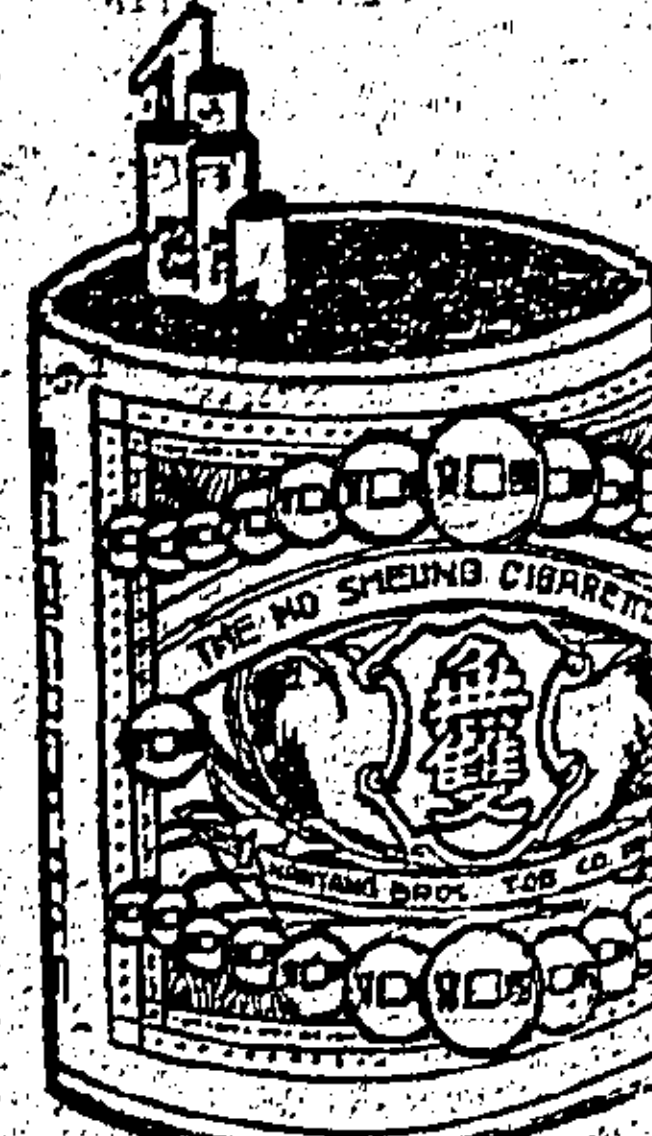
AT

ANDERSON'S.

ASK FOR
MO SHEUNG
CIGARETTES.They have rapidly come
into favour with
discriminating
smokers
owing to their delightful flavour
and aroma.Only well-matured Virginian tobacco used.
On sale at all tobacconists.

NANYANG BROS. TOBACCO CO.

215



INTERFATIONS

**WATSON'S
DRY GINGER
ALE**

A WELL ESTABLISHED FAVOURITE
OF PROVED HIGH QUALITY.

Prepared from our own special formula, flavoured with real fruit essence and the finest Eastern spices.

FORMAZIONE

The non-alcoholic Champagne. An excellent substitute for sparkling wine, possessing the same wonderfully stimulating and refreshing qualities.

**STONE GINGER
BEER**

The only genuine brewed
Ginger Beer in the East. Prepared by a special process of
fermentation with the finest
selected ginger and fruit essences
which gives it that distinctive
flavour which is so pleasing to
the palate.

PYERIS

A delicious table water, health-
ful and refreshing, surpassing in
quality all the European Spa
waters. Blends excellently with
spirits and wines.

The water used in the manufacture of our Aerated Waters is guaranteed **ABSOLUTELY PURE.**

**A. S. WATSON
& CO., LTD.**

AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.
ESTABLISHED 1841. [50]

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.
The marriage of Mr. ROBERT LYTHGOM
READ, of Shanghai, and Miss JEAN
VALLANCE FLEMING, will be celebrated
at St. John's Cathedral, on Satur-
day, December 18th, at 2.30 p.m.
Following the ceremony at the altar

Following the service a reception will be held at the residence of Mr. John Fleming, 105, The Peak. Friends of Mr. READ and Miss FLEMING will be cordially welcomed both at the Cathedral and at the reception, and they are asked to accept this as the only intimation as no other invitations are being issued. [4259]

Hong Kong Office: 1A, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 4TH, 1923.

NOISE, PLEASURE AND LEISURE.

DURING recent years a number of delegates and private individuals from Great Britain have visited the United States, with the object of studying the conditions that have caused such material

prosperity in that country. They have usually published reports on their observations and no doubt British manufacturers and British working men have gained many valuable hints from them.

Recently two remarkable contributions by citizens of the United States about life in Great Britain have appeared, one in *The North American Review* and the other in *the* *North American Review* and the

... in the *Atlantic Monthly*. The authors have visited "the old country" and they have learnt lessons which they wish to pass on to their fellow countrymen in the U.S.A. The British have

asure hours. With them the hobby is
mark-of distinction," writes one
merican contributor. "In England,"
rites the other, "one feels everywhere

real love of beauty in the countryside. The simplest cottage of a workman has a flower garden and there the man works after hours with his family about it." He then goes on to contrast the

(continued)

THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

NEW BRITISH MINISTER MAKES HIS FIRST SPEECH.

AN AMERICAN'S OPINION OF PEKING'S DIPLOMACY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, December 3rd. Mr. Miles Lampson, the British Minister, made his first public speech, since his arrival in China, here today, when he was the guest at luncheon of the Union Club, the membership of which is composed of British, Americans and Chinese.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Lampson said that he had come here with an open mind. He simply wanted to see fair play all-round. The talk of British imperialism in China was all moonshine; the only thing the British wanted was to be allowed to live and trade peacefully here.

Mr. J. B. Powell (a Shanghai journalist), welcoming Mr. Lampson on behalf of the American members, said he was especially glad to know that the Minister had seen something of Shanghai and was going to Hankow and Nanking before settling in Peking, for Peking had ruined the reputation of many diplomats. (Laughter and "hear, hear.")

BRITISH NAVAL STRENGTH IN CHINESE WATERS.

BRITISH ADMIRAL SATISFIED.

LONDON, December 2nd. Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech at Bromley, was glad to say that Britain had a most able Commander in Chinese waters in Admiral Sir Alexander Sinclair.

"I am glad that his opinion is that he has sufficient strength to do what is required in protecting life. Only to-night we had a telegram from him to that effect, and we said: 'If you have not enough we will do our best to send further reinforcements.'"

POSSIBLE MEETING WITH CANTON OFFICIALS.

RUGBY, December 2nd. Mr. Miles Lampson is remaining for a few days in Shanghai, where he has had consultations with Sir Robert Macleay whom he is succeeding and who is now on the way home. Mr. Lampson will proceed in a few days to Hankow to examine the situation personally. No arrangements have been made for him to meet the Cantonese leaders who are in the Hankow neighbourhood and no meeting is at present projected. Mr. Lampson, however, has full powers to take any procedure he considers advisable and should informal conversations take place with Mr. Eugene Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister, or any other Cantonese officials this would in itself carry no implication of governmental recognition.

THE CHINESE SURTAXES.

SUGGESTION FROM THE BRITISH MERCHANTS OF HANKOW.

PAYMENT THROUGH CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION.

RUGBY, December 2nd. The British commercial community in Hankow is reported to favour the payment through the existing Customs Administration of surtaxes proposed by the Chinese authorities. These surtaxes are the same as those introduced recently at Canton, namely, two and a half per cent. on all goods and five per cent. on luxuries. These surtaxes are equivalent to the so-called "Washington surtaxes" to which Powers possessing extra-territorial rights in China agreed in principle at the Conference held at Washington in 1922. The Powers then stipulated that the impositions of surtaxes should be conditional on the approval by a special tariff conference of the Chinese plans for utilising this additional revenue. The Tariff Conference did not meet until last year when after protracted discussions it failed to approve of the Chinese proposals and urged that a larger part of the surtax proceeds should be devoted to the redemption of loans owed by China for the most part to United States and Japan.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

AMERICAN OFFICIAL VIEW.

WASHINGTON, December 3rd. The State Department reiterates that the American naval vessels in Chinese waters are available for protection for American lives and property, but will not be used to maintain the present Customs at Hankow and elsewhere, the collection of which is regarded as the function of the Chinese Government.

While the situation at Hankow is being closely watched, it is hoped that with the arrival of the Canton Government at Wuchang the activities of Unions at Hankow will be curbed. If necessary, however, the American residents will be evacuated.

PARIS JOURNAL'S COMMENT.

PARIS, December 2nd. Sir Austen Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons, expressing Britain's repugnance to intervention in the domestic affairs of China, agrees with French policy, says the Temps, as defined by M. Briand in the Chamber.

The paper draws attention to the tendency of Britain to adopt a more conciliatory attitude towards Canton, which capital is of importance not only as regards the relation of the Powers with China, but because it will enable Chinese Nationalism, in its own interest, to free itself of the revolutionary influence of Moscow.

(Continued on next column).

BIG U.S.A. RAILWAY DISPUTE SETTLED.

AFFECTED FIFTY LINES AND 90,000 WORKMEN.

INCREASED WAGES GRANTED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, December 3rd. A dispute, which has been in progress for over a year and affecting 50 lines and 90,000 men, has ended with the Eastern group of railways granting an increase of wages aggregating \$12,000,000 to the train men, conductors, porters and signalmen.

CHINA'S NORTH v. SOUTH WAR.

CHANG TSO LIN EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE.

MYSTERY OF SUN CHUAN FANG.

The latest papers from Peking and Shanghai give very fragmentary news of the Military situation in the North and the recent Tientsin Conference.

In an interview on November 23rd, after his return from Tientsin Conference, Marshal Chang Tso Lin is said to have made the following declaration emphatically:—

"Incessant wars have been going on in China for the last 15 years. Although the Southern troops appear to be growing in strength, fortunately the Northern militarists have now united and success is thereby assured as soon as the expedition commenced operation. During the last few years the strife was restricted to regional wars between small factions, one after another, but at present all the small regional factions have joined together and formed two belligerent parties. Peace will be restored as soon as the result of the struggle between them is determined. Since the various units in the North have now combined in a united front to suppress the Southern troops the date of a decision is not remote. Unity of the country will probably be re-established as the result of the present struggle."

The Marshal expresses perfect optimism towards the final success of the Allies and his willingness to accept the leadership of the Allied Expedition as soon as preparations are completed.

Although his agreement with Marshal Chang Tso Lin and General Chang Tsung Chang in regard to the anti-Red Expedition is considered satisfactory, General Sun Chuan Fang appears to show little eagerness to return to the south. It is said he will remain in Tientsin for some time in order to secure medical attendance for his sore leg. There is also the rumour that he will retire into private life, as his family has already arrived at Tientsin.

It is stated in military circles that the following are the three causes which force him to take this step:—(1) Since his defection, the Chiekings troops have been unreliable; (2) since the deposition of General Teng Yu-Chao, there is no reliable leader to command the Kiangsi troops who are now disloyal to him; and, (3) the growing of the nationalists in strength on account of his blunders.

A Japanese View.

Dealing with the situation in China, the Hoko of Tokyo in its editorial on November 28th writes:—"The fact that military and political leaders in the North are now sitting in conference in Tientsin as to their policy towards the South clearly shows that the influence of the Southern forces has virtually extended to a wider circle. In case the Canton Government is removed to Wuchang, it naturally follows that the unification of the provinces in the South, which is a cherished object of the Kuomintang Party, may be realized though nominally, and that the Southern and Northern Governments on an equal footing will come into existence. In that case, the relations between China and the Powers will become more complicated than ever. Japan, therefore, should be careful at this juncture not to make any mistake in her policy towards China."

Chiang Kai Shek to Inspect his Troops. The Chinese Press publishes the news that General Chiang Kai Shek will leave Kiukiang before December 5th. He has decided to inspect all troops stationed en route on his way up river.

Wu Pei Fu Still Confident!

PEKING, November 23rd. The two delegates sent to Chengchow by the Allied leaders in Tientsin, Messrs. Chi Yun Peng and Fan Te Kuang, are, says a recent message, discussing with Marshal Wu Pei Fu the tactics for the anti-Red campaign. Marshal Wu is said to have expressed his deep regret for his inability to make any progress in the campaign, and welcomed the arrangements reached at the Tientsin Conference. He pointed out, however, that as he has already entrusted the military power at the front in the hands of Generals Chin Yun Ao, Tien Wei Chin and Wei Yi San, the views of these three generals shall first be consulted before a definite reply can be given. The two delegates are said to have left for the front to interview the three generals.

Another message reported that on the receipt of the telegram informing him of the decisions at the Tientsin Conference a special conference was called at Chengchow under the auspices of Marshal Wu Pei Fu and some 20 high officers were present. Marshal Wu spoke first urging the commanders at the front to commence operations at once in order to better the position of the Chihli army. He seemed very calm and reticent and refused to touch on the question of the Shantung Relief Expedition to Honan. Pending the arrival of the Tientsin delegates no definite decision was reached.

AFTERMATH OF THE COAL STOPPAGE.

REVERSION TO NORMAL CONDITIONS.

PRICES RAPIDLY FALLING.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 3rd. Reductions ranging from five shillings to ten shillings per ton are made in pit-head coal prices and a rapid reversion to the pre-stoppage output is expected. Approximately two-thirds of the miners out of about 750,000 are resuming work on the eight-hour day basis.

The Departmental Committee on co-operative selling in the coal industry has issued a Majority Report, signed by eight members, recommending the voluntary development of local selling pools among colliery owners and advocating amalgamations to avoid excessive competition. The Minority Report, signed by three members, recommends free and open competition.

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS REVOKED.

RUGBY, December 2nd.

The Home Secretary announced in the House of Commons that an Order in Council had been made revoking as from midnight to-night, the greater part of the Emergency Regulations which have been in force during the coal stoppage. The regulations that were being retained were those relating chiefly to distribution of coal.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OPPOSITION TO MOVE A VOTE OF CENSURE.

LONDON, December 2nd. In the House of Commons Colonel Lane Fox, Minister for Mines, announced that the export of South Wales' coal and patent fuel was now permitted where a market therefor was obtainable in Britain. The export of coke was not yet possible in view of the state of stocks. Similar facilities were being granted to the northeast coast.

Replying to Mr. Herbert Williams, Sir William Joynson Hicks stated that a large number of the Emergency Regulations were being cancelled immediately, those being retained relating to the distribution of coal.

An Eight-Hours Day.

LONDON, December 2nd. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Thomas Williams, Col. Lane Fox said he understood that work in the mines had been resumed on an eight-hour basis everywhere except in Nottingham, North Derbyshire and Yorkshire, and also in Northumberland and Derby for hewers. He estimated that approximately two-thirds of the industry was resuming on an eight-hour basis.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin announced that the Opposition would move a vote of censure on the Government on Wednesday relative to the coal stoppage.—(Loud cheers and counter-cheers.)

The Vote of Censure.

The vote of censure, which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald moves in the House of Commons on Wednesday, regrets the policy of the Government during the lock-out in the mining industry, and declares that the Government is deserving of censure for its disregard of the findings of the Royal Commission, its partiality towards the mine-owners, its failure to control the prices of coal, and for passing the Coal Mines Eight Hours Act, which had prevailed and resulted in the imposition of harsh terms upon men who were no longer able to resist. It further declares that, a decent standard of life, and a living wage for miners can now be secured only by the nation taking and re-organising the mining industry.

M.C.C. SOUTH AMERICAN CRICKET TOUR.

MR. P. F. WARNER THE CAPTAIN.

RUGBY, December 2nd. Mr. Pelham Warner leaves London tomorrow with a Marylebone Cricket Club team to make a tour of Argentina and Chile. The team includes Mr. Allen, the Middlesex part bowler, Mr. J. C. White, the Somerset right hand slow bowler, and Captain Jamieson, of the Hampshire C.C.C. Chatting to-day to a Press representative, Mr. Warner said that he himself was "an old man" and could not tell what form he might reveal. He commented on the fact that cricket had now spread outside the boundaries of the British Empire and was now played by more than half the world.

Mr. Warner's Views.

LONDON, December 3rd. Many prominent officials were at Waterloo Station this morning at the send off to the Marylebone's tour to the Argentine and Chile. Mr. Warner remarked that Jamieson, White and Allen would make a good bowling combination, but he recognised that the team must be tuned up against the improved form of the Argentine cricketers, who ran Lord Hawke's side very closely in the representative matches.

RUBBER PRICE FALLING.

RUGBY, December 2nd. The feature of the produce markets to-day was the fall of price of the rubber to one shilling five and five-eighths pence. This is the lowest since February 1925. In November 1925 the price reached four shillings eight pence.

AUSTRALIA AND U.S.A.

WHAT THEY ARE PLANNING "DOWN UNDER."

DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL CHANGES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, December 3rd. Sir Hugh Denison, the Australian Trade Commissioner, told the New York Chamber of Commerce that it was true that Australia was planning to send a diplomatic representative to Washington. He added that Australia intended to follow the example of the United States in building a tariff wall and promised to let America inside in return for reciprocal privileges.

He suggested that the United States should send a Commission to Australia to see what could be done about disproportionate trade between the two countries, and declared that Australia was the only British Dominion having its own navy and was prepared to join hands with the United States in making the Pacific Ocean "pacific" in fact as well as in name.

MORE MONEY FOR SOCONY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, December 3rd. Messrs. Dillon & Read have arranged further to finance the Standard Oil Company of New York to the extent of \$50,000,000.

Further Details.

LATER. Messrs. Dillon & Read announce that twenty-five-year 4 per cent. debentures will be offered at 97½, the proceeds to be used for general corporate purposes and to purchase the Magnolia Petroleum Company, a development property and general petroleum corporation.

CRUDE RUBBER.

U.S. MANUFACTURERS AND ITS PRICE.

GOVERNMENT CREDIT GUARANTEED.

NEW YORK, December 2nd. It is learned that a credit of \$40,000,000 has been guaranteed to a group of leading tyre manufacturers.

It was arranged through Wall Street for the purpose of stabilising the price of crude rubber.

LATER. The manufacturers involved in the pool purchase of rubber through a central organisation aim at maintaining the price at such a level as to prevent the additional ten per cent. restriction production on February 1st.

The Co-Operative Movement.

AKRON, Ohio, December 3rd. Mr. Harvey Firestone has pledged his support to the co-operative movement for the purchase of crude rubber through a central organisation, whose purchasing power will cover over 50,000 tons of rubber.

LOW PRICE OF SILVER.

ALARM CAUSED IN MEXICO.

NEW YORK, December 2nd. A message from Tampico, says that the low price of silver continues to alarm trade circles. Silver is being exchanged for gold at fifteen per cent. discount.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

At the annual meeting of South Taping Tin at Penang on November 5th a final dividend of five per cent. was passed unanimously.

Mr. J. S. Strachan, formerly Director of Public Works at Singapore, and now holding a similar appointment in Ceylon, is to be General Manager of Railways, F.M.S., in succession to Mr. Spiller.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday Mr. Leo d'Almada on behalf of a client applied for the return of \$500 worth of copper coins which had been seized by the officers of the Imports and Exports Department. The hearing was adjourned until December 13th.

The Universal Week of Prayer will be observed the first week in January, as usual, in all the Churches in the Colony: Monday, January 3rd, at St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.; Tuesday, January 4th, at the Union Church, 5.30 p.m.; Wednesday, January 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 6 p.m.; Thursday, January 6th, at the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, 5.30 p.m.; Friday, January 7th, at the Helena May Institute, 10 a.m. The speaker at the service at St. Andrew's will be the Rev. J. Horace Johnston, B.A.

SCISSORS LEFT IN WOMAN'S BODY.

An instance of a surgeon forgetting one of his instruments and leaving it in a patient's body is reported from America. Twenty years ago a woman was operated upon by a surgeon. Recently the patient, who is now 65, had to undergo a second operation. In probing an abdominal abscess the surgeon found a pair of surgical scissors which had been left in the patient's body. The scissors were removed and the patient is doing well. The surgeon who performed the first operation died some years ago.

AMERICA AND MEXICO.

THE OIL AND LAND LAWS.

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT "CLEARING THE AIR."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, December 3rd. In a statement described by officials of the State Department as helping to clear the air and relieve the somewhat tense situation as a result of the Mexican Oil and Land Laws, issued to the Mexican Embassy, they ask that the Mexican Government should confirm the rights of foreign companies and that the fifty-year limitation to concessions should be applied only to Mexican companies. The statement then adds that the rights acquired by foreign companies before May 1st, 1917, should be confirmed without costs and without the declaration renouncing diplomatic protection required by law for further acquisitions.

Statement by the Mexican Foreign Office.

MEXICO CITY, December 3rd. The Mexican Foreign Office asserts that it has no knowledge of a statement issued to the Mexican Embassy at Washington with regard to the Oil and Land Laws, and states that the policy of the Mexican Government is clearly defined in the correspondence with the United States and remains unchanged.

BISHOP OF LONDON'S VISIT.

TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MADE.

Mention has been made on several previous occasions of the forthcoming visit of the Bishop of London (the Right Hon. and Right Rev. A. F. Winnington-Ingram, D.D., LL.D., K.C.V.O.) to the Colony during the Christmas season.

It is now possible, however, to publish the tentative arrangements made in connection with the Bishop's visit, which appear in the St. Andrew's Monthly Messenger, and are as follows:—

The Bishop of London will probably arrive on Thursday, December 23rd, by the President Lincoln from Shanghai. On Christmas day the Bishop will celebrate at 8 a.m. and preach at 11 o'clock in St. John's Cathedral. On Sunday, the 26th, he will preach on board H.M.S. Hawkins at 9.30 a.m. and at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. In the afternoon he will visit the Diocesan Girls' School and in the evening preach at St. John's Cathedral. It will be the first time that a Bishop of an English Diocese has preached at St. Andrew's Church.

It is hoped to make arrangements for the Bishop to visit Canton on Monday, the 27th. He will return the same day, and on Tuesday, the 28th, at 10.30 a.m. he will address the Mothers' Union Quarterly Service in the Cathedral. At 4.15 p.m. the Victoria Diocesan Association is to give a reception to the Bishop at the City Hall, at which H.E. The Governor and Lady Clement will be present. On Wednesday, the 29th, he will visit the C.M.S. Victoria Home, and the Diocesan Boys' School, Kowloon. At 6 p.m. on the same day the Bishop will give a devotional address in the Cathedral to all church workers and any others who may care to attend. The service will conclude at not later than 7 p.m.

On Thursday, the 30th, the Bishop will pay visits to various Church Schools in Hong Kong. There will be a short service for men in the Cathedral, beginning at 9.30 p.m. and terminating at 10.15 at which the Bishop will give an address. On Friday, December 31st, it is hoped to arrange for the Bishop to visit Macao. The Bishop will leave for Singapore, on Saturday, January 1st, by the Hakone Maru.

N.B.—The above arrangements are subject to alteration.

PARI-MUTUEL SYSTEM FOR ENGLAND?

SUGGESTED REPLY TO BOOK-MAKERS' STRIKE.

The Racecourse Proprietors' Association intend holding a meeting next week, says "Robin Goodfellow" in the Daily Mail of November 24th, to discuss the advisability of installing the pari-mutuel, or totalisator, system of betting on all courses.

This move is an immediate sequel to the bookmakers' strike at Windsor against the Bets Tax. The strike (referred to in our London letter) involved heavy losses to the Windsor executive, substantially diminished public interest in the sport, and, in impairing its popularity, threatened to damage the financial side very seriously.

A continuance of the "boycott" by bookmakers might upset the ordinary business so much as to imperil for a time the existence of racing.

Request to Jockey Club.

Some members of the Racecourse Proprietors' Association have therefore taken the initiative in calling a general meeting and intend to ask the consent of the Jockey Club to putting their plans into operation. If the Turf authorities sanction the new scheme it is expected that the Government will not prevent its operation. The tax must be paid. The malcontent section of professionals try to make the levy impossible. It is pointed out that the pari-mutuel could be worked at a small fraction of the cost now incurred in the upkeep of bookmakers' establishments.

A Change of Mind.

In view of the resumption of betting at Newbury the Northern Bookmakers' and Backers' Protection Association have reversed the decision it reached to boycott Lincoln and Liverpool races.

GERMAN AND BRITISH INDUSTRIALISTS.

IMPORTANT MEETING BEING HELD IN LONDON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 3rd. The five representatives of the Federation of German Industries are meeting the representatives of the Federation of British Industries in London to-day. It is stated that neither the British nor the German delegates have power to commit any firm or industry. Their aim is to explore the credit, insurance, double taxation and taxation of reserves, patent rights and the multiplicity of tariff walls in Europe and kindred matters.

SLAVERY IN ABYSSINIA.

SUGGESTED LEAGUE OF NATIONS' ACTION.

RUGBY, December 2nd.

A question was asked in the House of Commons whether the League of Nations was satisfied that the Abyssinian Government were fulfilling their undertaking on joining the League to endeavour to secure the complete suppression of slavery in Abyssinia, and if the League was not satisfied whether the British Government proposed to institute an independent inquiry into matter.

Mr. Locker Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied: "So far as I am aware no steps have yet been taken by the League to certify the Abyssinian compliance with the terms of their undertaking. While the British Government cannot intervene in the internal affairs of a State which is a fellow member of the League, the League can rely upon their warm support in any action it may decide to take to assist the Abyssinian Government to fulfil its pledges."

SIR RONALD ROSS IN SINGAPORE.

TO INSPECT MALARIAL PREVENTIVE WORK.

Of great interest to all concerned in the preservation of health in Malaya—particularly in the realm of anti-malarial work—is the forthcoming visit of Sir Ronald Ross, the great authority on malaria, says the Straits Times of November 26th.

Sir Ronald Ross is now 69 years of age, but is as actively engaged in research and other work as ever, and he is directed in chief of the Ross Institute and Hospital for Tropical Diseases, London, which was established a year or two ago.

He was due at Penang yesterday and will come on to Singapore, where a programme of visits of inspection has been arranged for him by the local branch of the British Medical Association. Following a reception on December 5th given in his honour at the College of Medicine by the Medical Association, Sir Ronald Ross will deliver an address on malaria.

To Visit Naval Base.

The distinguished visitor will inspect the site of the Naval Base on the morning of December 8th and leave later in the day for Port Swettenham, where he will be the guest of Sir Malcolm Watson. He will probably stay about ten days in the F.M.S., and then leave for India, where he will give the benefit of his advice in anti-malarial work.

It was while he was in the Indian Medical Service thirty years ago that Sir Ronald Ross made his great discoveries in connection with the mosquito theory. Besides his Prevention of Malaria and his Memoirs, published three years ago, Sir Ronald has written volumes on Philosophy, Psychology, a number of Poems and a historical romance, The Revels of Orsera.

Some interesting maps have been prepared showing the progress made in the prevention of malaria on Singapore island. A good deal has been done, and the town is now said to be free of anopheles maculatus, the most malevolent variety, although a few aye still to be found in some of the rural areas.

BROTHERS' TAX FRAUDS.

SWINDLING WHILE OTHER MEN FOUGHT.

At Leicestershire Assizes recently two brothers named Louis Michael Pulver Ney and John Reginald Ney, boot manufacturers of Barwell, were sent to prison for fifteen months each in the second division for income tax frauds.

Sir Henry Maddocks, K.C., prosecuting, said the frauds began in 1916 and went on till 1923, and the total sum of which the Inland Revenue was defrauded was \$35,370.

Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., who had the thankless task of defending prisoners could say little beyond mentioning that if the Nays were sent to prison 121 workmen would be unemployed.

Judge's Scathing Comment.

In passing sentence, Mr. Justice Sankey said the prisoners were a pair of rogues who swindled their country during wartime. He would like to remind them of the thousands of their fellow-countrymen who went over to France and who never came back, while the prisoners were at home swindling the country.

"We don't want knaves like you in business," went on the judge. "This is the worst case of this kind I have ever tried out of a great many and I hope I shall never have another that is as bad."

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

December 3rd.
Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. C. H. Jones, from Shanghai Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C37-B. & S.
Sinkiang, British str., 1,610 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12-B. & S.
Song Yu, French str., 720 tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour, from Haiphong and Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C15.—Messageries Maritimes.
Stale, Norwegian str., 1,355 tons, Capt. Richard Jenstoft, from Canton, with general cargo in transit for Singapore, lying at buoy No. C40.—Thorsen & Co.
Tak-Hing, Chinese str., 103 tons, Capt. Cheng Yung Fat, from Antau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hoi Co.
Tonkin, French str., 810 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C38.—Messageries Maritimes.
 December 3rd.
Chung Hing, Chinese str., 240 tons, Capt. Leung Sing Kong, from Kwang Chow Wan, with general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41.—Hong On Co.
Hong Hwa, British str., 1,094 tons, Capt. D. M. May, from Singapore, which port she left on November 27th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A25.—Seng Soon Hong.
President Taft, American str., 3,415 tons, Capt. C. M. Cochran, from Manila, which port she left on December 1st, with 3,000 ton general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.
Shunko Maru, Japanese str., 6,778 tons, Capt. T. Tasaki, from Moji, which port she left on November 28th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.
Sui Sang, British str., 1,983 tons, Capt. P. Jowitt, from Bangkok and Swatow, with rice and general cargo, amounting to 3,400 tons, lying at buoy No. B47.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Sunghwan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Capt. G. Kawamura, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C45.—N.Y.K.
Tanda, British str., 4,236 tons, Capt. E. T. Picher, from Moji, which port she left on November 28th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1.—MacKinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Tetsuan Maru, Japanese str., 1,240 tons, Capt. M. Tanaka, from Keelung, with 1,750 tons of coal, lying at buoy No. B38.—M.B.K.
Vulcanus, Dutch str., 707 tons, Capt. J. De Klerk, from Amoy, with a cargo of empty drums, lying at Taikotsui.—A.P.C.

CLEARANCES.

December 3rd.
Hai Hong, for Swatow.
Indian Arrow, for Foochow.
Kaifu Maru, for Hongkong.
Nanning, for Shanghai.
Poo Sang, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Shinko Maru, for Singapore.
Shunshan Maru, for Canton.
Tak Hing, for Antau.
Vulcanus, for Haiphong.

PASSENGERS.

By the s.s. *Tanda*, from Yokohama via ports, on December 3rd:—Major A. B. Branstom, Mr. R. A. North, Miss North, Miss Crawford, Mr. E. S. Marks, Mrs. R. B. Harrison and children, Mrs. Lake, and Miss Lake.

By the s.s. *President Taft*, from Manila, on December 3rd:—For Hong Kong: Mr. A. Alomia, Mr. F. Ayson, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bayot, Master F. M. Bayot, jr., Mrs. D. T. Beizer, Mr. M. Cuevas, Mr. P. Carreon, Mr. A. C. de Heas, Mr. A. K. Dimond, Mr. Oscar Heri, Mr. Hirose Katami, Mr. J. W. Murphy, Mr. A. T. Pabala, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. R. H. Pierson, Mr. Takco Sakai, Mr. B. H. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whittemore, Miss E. L. Whittemore, Mr. E. L. Whittemore, Mr. E. P. Williams. Among passengers passing through on their way to Shanghai were: Lieut. and Mrs. W. L. Bates, Mr. Y. Imamura, Mrs. Eva Lessner, Miss Hilda Lessner, Miss Hilda Lessner, Mr. H. L. Lawson, Master H. L. Lawson, jr., Mr. Samuel Lord, Major-General and Mrs. W. C. Neville, Mr. P. P. Paradiell, Mr. G. E. Perishkin, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Winburg, Miss Estelle Winburg. For San Francisco: Rev. A. Alfajome, Mr. S. Bachrach, Mr. J. M. Bayot, Mr. A. Centenero, Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Halsey, Mr. Frank Hammond, Mr. Wm. G. Longobardi, Rev. M. C. Perez, Mr. T. Sunico, Mr. S. B. Swan, and Mr. F. K. Schnitzer.

By the s.s. *Torch*, on December 3rd:—Mr. Franz Halbekann, Mr. Haverkamp, and Mr. A. J. d'Almeida.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The s.s. *Empress of Canada*, when she sailed from Vancouver and Victoria on September 30th, broke all records for the past five years in so far as passenger service to the Orient is concerned by carrying 906 passengers, made up of 188 first class, 98 second, 50 third and 570 steerage.

The s.s. *Shunko Maru* arrived into port yesterday from Nagoya and Moji with 1,122 tons of general cargo for local discharge.

Arriving from Yokohama and Moji, the s.s. *Tanda* brought one ton of general cargo for Hong Kong and 245 tons for ports beyond.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, 1,194 deck passengers entered Hong Kong. Of these, 387 were brought by the s.s. *Scale* from Swatow.

HONG KONG SHIPPING.

YESTERDAY'S STATEMENTS.

HEAVY DECREASE IN LOCAL AND THROUGH FREIGHTS.

The returns for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday showed a heavy decrease in freights for the Colony and ports beyond. Out of 11 arrivals only 4,915 tons of general merchandise were landed for Hong Kong. British vessels contributed 4,740 tons. The two best returns were registered by the British steamer *Sui Sang* and the s.s. *Tonkin* (French); the former brought 3,400 tons from Bangkok and Swatow and the latter carried 1,000 tons from Haiphong.

Throughout last month and up to Wednesday, cargo for ports beyond had maintained the five figure average, but yesterday's returns showed a heavy decrease in through freights. There were 1,535 tons on vessels passing through Hong Kong, of which, 830 tons were manifested on British vessels.

Yesterday 11 vessels arrived and 15 left. They were: British, 4 arrivals and 3 departures; Japanese, 1 arrival and 1 departure; Norwegian, 1 arrival and 3 departures; Chinese, 2 arrivals and 2 departures; Dutch, 2 departures; French, 2 arrivals; German, 1 departure; American, 1 arrival and 2 departures; Swedish, 1 departure.

There were 69 vessels in port, of which 32 were British.

The tabulated lists of arrivals and clearances will be found in another column.

THE CHINA COAST.

CHANGES IN OFFICER PERSONNEL.

The following are the latest changes in the officer personnel of the China Coast: Mr. L. Evans, chief officer, *Kiating*, has gone chief officer, *Hsin Peking*. Mr. J. Taylor, chief officer, *Hsin Peking*, has gone chief officer, *Sinkiang*. Mr. L. V. Howe, chief officer, *Sinkiang*, is on Home leave.

Captain J. R. Shearer, of the *Kangtung*, has gone master, *Seechuen*. Mr. J. D. G. Brown, acting master, *Seechuen*, has gone chief officer, same ship.

Mr. W. E. Awock, chief officer, *Seechuen*, has gone chief officer, *Luchow*. Mr. Atkins, chief officer, *Luchow*, is on reserve.

Mr. T. Hackett, second officer, *Linan*, has gone second officer, *Zientzin*. Mr. W. Reyle, from reserve, has gone second officer, *Linan*.

Mr. J. R. Nisbet, chief officer, *Tungchow*, has gone chief officer, *Shantung*. Mr. W. Peplow, chief officer, *Shantung*, has gone chief officer, *Tungchow*.

Mr. W. A. Orwin, chief officer, *Shengking*, has gone chief officer, *Changsha*. Mr. W. M. Christie, from reserve, has gone chief officer, *Shengking*.

Mr. Y. N. Campbell, chief officer, *Anhui*, is on Home leave. Mr. D. D. Richards, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, *Anhui*.

Capt. R. Ritchie, from reserve, has gone master, *Chingha*. Capt. J. Beck, of the *Chingha*, is on Home leave.

Mr. J. D. Craig, from reserve, has gone third engineer, *Seechuen*.

Mr. J. G. Campbell, chief engineer, *Anhui*, has gone chief engineer, *Kwangtung*. Mr. D. McCormack, from Home leave, is acting chief engineer, *Anhui*.

Mr. W. S. Smith, from reserve, has gone supply third engineer, *Tanning*.

Mr. W. J. Jones, second engineer, *Nanning*, is on reserve. Mr. J. Hood, from reserve, has gone second engineer, *Nanning*.

Mr. C. W. Bainbridge, second engineer, *Changsha*, has gone second engineer, *Tungchow*.

Mr. J. Johnston, chief engineer, *Tungchow*, is on reserve. Mr. A. N. MacDonald, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, *Tungchow*.

Mr. J. W. S. Hood, second engineer, *Poyang*, is on reserve. Mr. G. W. Clarke, from reserve, has gone second engineer, *Poyang*.

Mr. Earlom, from reserve, has gone chief officer, *Siangwa*. Mr. T. Wilkinson, chief officer, *Siangwa*, has gone supply chief officer, same ship.

Mr. H. H. Farham, chief officer, *Fookang*, has gone chief officer, *Manwang*. Mr. C. Nock, from reserve, has gone chief officer, *Fookang*. Mr. D. A. Matheson, chief officer, *Manwang*, is on reserve.

Mr. J. H. Teller, third officer, *Hangsang*, is on reserve. Mr. S. Duncan, from reserve, has gone third officer, *Hangsang*.

Mr. A. Houghton has been appointed third officer, *Sutung*.

Mr. T. McGrath, chief engineer, *Tuckow*, has gone chief engineer, *Loongwa*. Mr. L. McWilliams, chief engineer, *Loongwa*, is on reserve.

Mr. J. S. Black, chief engineer, *Pingwa*, has gone chief engineer, *Kutwo*. Mr. H. Craig, chief engineer, *Kutwo*, is on Home leave.

Mr. A. Turnbull, from reserve, has gone supply chief engineer, *Kungwa*.

Mr. D. Dykes, second engineer, *Kiawo*, has gone second engineer, *Siangwa*. Mr. G. A. Jack, acting second engineer, *Siangwa*, has gone third engineer, same ship.

Mr. B. Symington, third engineer, *Siangwa*, has resigned.

Mr. R. A. Prichard, chief officer, *New Mathilde*, has gone chief officer, *Borneo*. Mr. M. L. Jenkins, chief officer, *Borneo*, has gone chief officer, *New Mathilde*.

Mr. A. W. Best has been appointed chief officer, *Chung On*.

Mr. R. Keen has been appointed chief officer, *Kwong Foon*.

Mr. R. A. Black, from reserve, has been appointed chief engineer, *Kochow*.

Mr. R. Pedersen has been appointed chief engineer, *Fuel On*.

Mr. G. Mitchell, second engineer, *Gorgian*, is on reserve.

Mr. W. A. Miller, third engineer, *Armonetta*, is on reserve.

Mr. A. Haskell, from reserve, has gone third engineer, *Haining*.

Mr. J. Forsyth, from reserve, has gone second engineer, *Borneo*. Mr. G. H. Whyte, second engineer, *Borneo*, is on reserve.—Shipping and Engineering.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

QUICKEST TIME ACROSS THE PACIFIC. TO VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER.

STRAITS	Hong.	Shal.	Kobe	Yama.	Vancouver.
Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 6	Jan. 8	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 23
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 28	Jan. 31	Feb. 4	Feb. 13
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 28	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 29	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 22	July 31

(E/Asia and E/Russia call at Nagasaki the day after departure from Shanghai).

CONNECTING SAILING ST. JOHN TO LIVERPOOL.

STRAITS	Hong.	Shal.	Kobe	Yama.	Vancouver.
Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
MONTROSE	February 4	February 19	February 23	February 25	March 6
MONTAUBAN	February 19	February 23	February 25	February 27	March 13
MONTCAIM	March 11	March 15	March 18	March 21	March 30

Frequent sailings to Liverpool, Belfast, Glasgow, Southampton, Cherbourg and Antwerp.

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN.

Early application for space is advisable.

SPECIAL FARES TO EUROPE

£120 £112 £83

HONGKONG-MANILA SERVICE

Leave Hongkong	Arrive Manila	Leave Manila	Arrive Hongkong
Dec. 25	Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Dec. 30

CANADIAN PACIFIC EXPRESS

TRAVELLERS CHEQUES PAYABLE THE WORLD OVER. THE SAFEST AND MOST CONVENIENT WAY TO CARRY FUNDS.

Passenger Department:	Tel. 2,753.	Cables: GACANPAC.
Freight and Express:	Tel. C-42.	Cables: NAUTILUS.



SERVICES CONTRACTUELS

Mail Steamers	Next Sailings from Marseilles	Pro. Arr. at H.K. and Sailing for Shanghai and Japan	Probable Sailings from Hong Kong for Marseilles
PAUL LECAT	...	...	7th Dec., 1926.
GENERAL METZINGER	...	...	21st Dec., 1926.
AMAZONE	...	...	4th Jan., 1927.
ANGERS	...	...	15th Jan., 1927.
D'ARTAGNAN	...	...	1st Feb., 1927.
SPHINX	...	...	15th Feb., 1927.
ANGKOR	...	...	1st Mar., 1927.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY TO MARSEILLES.

(Including Table Wine and Free Doctor's Attendance).
 A Class (1st Class) £ 99. 0d. 0d. B Class (1st Class) £ 85. 0d. 0d.
 B Class (2nd) £ 70. 0d. 0d. C Class (2nd) £ 61. 0d. 0d.
 Through Tickets to London and Leading Towns of Europe.
 Accommodation reserved in the Trains at Marseilles.

LIGNES COMMERCIALES (Cargo Boats).

s.s. "DR. P. BENOIT" from DUNKIRK, LONDON & HAVRE is due to arrive on the 23rd December.
 Sailings subject to alteration without notice.

For full Particulars, apply to:—
 MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CO.,
 Telephone, Central 740. 2, Queen's Buildings, CONSIGNATION—TRANSIT—REPRESENTATION.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The motor vessel *Asiatic Prince*, from New York, sailed from Shanghai on Friday, and is expected to arrive in Hong Kong on Monday at daylight.

VESSELS EXPECTED

Formosa (Swedish East Asiatic), due December 13th.
 Shirada (B.I. & Apar), due to-morrow, about 7 a.m.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1926.
 (STANDARD TIME OF 120TH MERIDIAN, OF GREENWICH.)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
December 4th	6.43 a.m.	5.33 p.m.
5th	6.43	5.33
6th	6.43	5.33
7th	6.43	5.33
8th	6.43	5.33
9th	6.43	5.33
10th	6.43	5.33
11th	6.43	5.33
12th	6.43	5.33
13th	6.43	5.33
14th	6.43	5.33
15th	6.43	5.33
16th	6.43	5.33
17th	6.43	5.33
18th	6.43	5.33
19th	6.43	5.33
20th	6.43	5.33
21st	6.43	5.33
22nd	6.43	5.33
23rd	6.43	5.33
24th	6.43	5.33
25th	6.43	5.33
26th	6.43	5.33
27th	6.43	5.33
28th	6.43	5.33
29th	6.43	5.33
30th	6.43	5.33
31st	6.43	5.33

INDO-CHINA

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Monday, 8th Dec., at Noon
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"FOOSHING"	Tuesday, 7th Dec., at Noon
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Tuesday, 7th Dec., at 2 p.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSING"	Wednesday, 8th Dec., at Noon
CANTON	"YATSHING"	Thursday, 9th Dec., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAI via SWATOW	"KWONGSANG"	Thursday, 8th Dec., at Noon
SHANGHAI	"HOSANG"	Saturday, 11th Dec., at 7 a.m.
KOBE via AMOY	"SUISANG"	Saturday, 11th Dec., at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HANGSANG"	Tuesday, 14th Dec., at 9 a.m.
RANGKOK via SWATOW	"YATSHING"	Tuesday, 14th Dec., at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"WAISHING"	Tuesday, 14th Dec., at 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG"	Thursday, 16th Dec., at 10 a.m.
OSAKA via SHANGHAI	"KUMSANG"	Saturday, 18th Dec., at 7 a.m.
MOJI & KOBE	"CHEONGSHING"	Monday, 20th Dec., at Noon
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Wednesday, 22nd Dec., at 4 p.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG"	Friday, 24th Dec., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tuesday, 28th Dec., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

GENERAL MANAGERS.

Telephone: Central No. 215.

GLEN AND SHIRE

JOINT SERVICE OF STEAMERS.

U.K.—STRAITS, CHINA & JAPAN SERVICE.

OUTWARDS.

Vessel	Due Hong Kong
"GLENSHIEL"	8th Dec.
"PEMBROKESHIRE"	26th Dec.
"GLENSIFFER"	8th Jan.
"GLENOGLE"	26th Jan.
"GLENAMOY"	6th Feb.

HOMEWARDS.

Vessel	Discharges	Leaves H. Kong.
"GLENTARA"	...	29th Dec.
"GLENSHIEL"	...	26th Jan.
"GLENSIFFER"	...	23rd Feb.
"GLENSHIRE"	...	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg via Oran.

Movements are subject to change without notice.

For Freight or further Particulars, please apply to—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

THE GLEN LINE, LTD., AGENTS.

Telephones: Central No. 215 sub-ex. 23, and Central 3896.

THE SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

LOADING DIRECT FOR

ALGIERS, ORAN, VALENCIA, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG AND SCANDINAVIA.

s.s.	LOADING ABOUT
"SUMATRA"	4th December
"AGRA"	30th December
"FORMOSA"	15th January, 1927

FOR SHANGHAI AND JAPAN PORTS.

s.s.	LOADING ABOUT
"FORMOSA"	10th December

For further particulars, apply to the Agents—

GILMAN & CO., LTD.

2 Hong Kong.

G. E. HUYGEN.

Canton.

Bringing 1,750 tons of coal for Hong Kong, the *Tetsuan Maru*, arrived from Keelung yesterday afternoon.

John Wollard, aged 35, and his donkey Jerusalem, reputed to be 40, celebrated their respective birthdays on November 1st at Epping, Essex.

ON SALE.

BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, January to June, 1926. With Index. Price—\$7.50. On sale at the *Hongkong Daily Press* Office.

BANK LINE LTD.

AGENTS FOR

ELLERMAN & BUCKNALL S.S. CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE.

UNITED KINGDOM & CONTINENT

s.s. "CITY OF TOKIO"	For Marseilles, London, Hamburg & Havre	13th Dec.
s.s. "CITY OF GLASGOW"	For Marseilles, London, Hamburg & Havre	13th Jan.

PASSENGER SERVICE.

s.s. "CITY OF LAHORE"	London, Havre, Rotterdam & Hamburg	8th February.
FARES TO LONDON: 1st Class £79, 2nd Class £49 10s.		
s.s. "CITY OF CALCUTTA"	Marseilles, London, Havre & Hamburg	24th March.
FARES: 1st Class to MARSEILLES £73; to LONDON £80.		
2nd Class to MARSEILLES £51; to LONDON £56.		

AUSTRALIA

Sailings from SINGAPORE on 6th of every month by "CITY OF PALERMO" or "CITY OF SPARTA" to Java, Fremantle, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney and vice versa.

Through Freight and Passenger bookings from Hong Kong in conjunction with "Ellerman" Line or other services.

BOSTON, NEW YORK & BALTIMORE

s.s. "COLORADO"	via Suez Canal	31st December.
-----------------	----------------	----------------

ALSO AGENTS FOR

ANDREW WEIR & CO.

SERVICES TO

BOSTON & NEW YORK

N.Y.K. LINE

SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.
 TAIYO MARU ... Tuesday, 11th Jan. at Noon
 TENYO MARU ... Monday, 24th Jan. at Noon
 KOKORO MARU ... Sunday, 6th Feb. at Noon
 *Calls Los Angeles.

SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.
 BOKUYO MARU ... Thursday, 16th Dec. at Noon
 BAKUYO MARU ... Wednesday, 12th Jan. at Noon

MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.
 KASHIMA MARU ... Saturday, 18th Dec. at 11 a.m.
 HAKON MARU ... Saturday, 1st Jan.
 BUWA MARU ... Saturday, 15th Jan.
 *Omaha Malacca and Aden.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
 TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd Dec. at 11 a.m.
 AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Jan. at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
 TAKAOKA MARU ... Tuesday, 28th Dec.
 ASUKA MARU ... Wednesday, 12th Jan.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Darban & Cape Town, Delagoa Bay & Algoa Bay.
 KAWACHI MARU ... Friday, 31st Dec.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
 SADO MARU ... Saturday, 11th Dec.
 TAMAGATA MARU ... Saturday, 18th Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
 KWAYO MARU ... Thursday, 9th Dec.
 NAGANO MARU ... Middle of Dec.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
 AKI MARU ... Saturday, 18th Dec.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
 RANGON MARU (Mojit direct) ... Saturday, 11th Dec.
 FUSHIMI MARU ... Monday, 13th Dec.
 MORIOKA MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd Dec.
 HAKOZAKI MARU ... Monday, 27th Dec.

For further information, apply to—
NIPPON Yusen Kaisha
 Telephone: Central No. 391 (Private exchanges to all Depts.)

PRINCE LINE

IMPROVED SERVICE

FAST MOTOR VESSELS

TO

BOSTON
NEW YORK
PHILADELPHIA

M.V. "ASIATIC PRINCE" ... 6th December, 1926

For Freight and Full Particulars, apply to—

FURNESS (FAR EAST), LIMITED.

Telephone: Central 3165.

(Incorporated in Great Britain)

Telegrams: Furnprince.

King's Building.

[19]

ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE

FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS.

THE NEW FAST AMERICAN STEAMERS

FOR VICTORIA AND SEATTLE

SHANGHAI-KOBE-YOKOHAMA

"PRESIDENT JACKSON" ... Dec. 6th, 5 p.m.

"PRESIDENT McKINLEY" ... Dec. 18th, 5 p.m.

TO EUROPE—£120-£112

First Class on the Pacific. First Class on American or Japanese railways. First Class and Monocles on the Atlantic. Choice of Trans-Continental railways. Any Line on the Atlantic. Through Accommodation and Sleeping Berths.

FOR MANILA

"PRESIDENT McKINLEY" ... Dec. 10th, 5 p.m.

"PRESIDENT JEFFERSON" ... Dec. 22nd, 5 p.m.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING.

Telephones: Central 2477, 2478 & 791.

[18]

HOLLAND EAST ASIA LINE

of the United Netherlands
 Navigation Company.

Regular fortnightly service between

Japan, Vladivostok, China, Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore

and

Genoa, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Bremen and

North Continental Ports

SAILINGS FOR EUROPE:

S.S. "OLDEKERK" ... 25th December.

ARRIVALS FROM EUROPE:

S.S. "GEMMA" ... 14th December.

S.S. "ZORNA" ... 11th January, 1927.

S.S. "GOSTKERK" ... 8th February.

All Steamers have a Limited Accommodation for Passengers.

For Freight, Passage and further Particulars, Please Apply to—

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LYN,

Central No. 1574.

Agents, York Building.

[11]

P. & O. British India Apcar and Eastern & Australian Lines

(COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND).
 MAIL AND PASSENGER STEAMERS
 TAKING CARGO FOR

STRAITS, JAVA, BURMA, Ceylon, India, Persian Gulf, West Indies, Mauritius, East & South Africa, Australasia, including New Zealand & Queensland Ports, Red Sea, Egypt, Constantinople, Greece, Levantine Ports, Europe, etc.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL FORTNIGHTLY DIRECT
 ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
 (Under Contract with H.M. Government.)

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"DELTA"	8,007	9th Dec. Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"MACDONALD"	11,089	11th Dec. Noon	Marseilles and London.
"NELORE"	8,838	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KHIVA"	9,135	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hall.
"MIRZAPUR"	8,715	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & Rotterdam.
"MYANMA"	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hall.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MUREA"	10,918	31st Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,007	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,902	5th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th March	Marseilles and London.
"MYANMA"	7,023	17th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MONGOLIA"	10,504	19th March	Marseilles and London.
"MACDONALD"	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	18th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,007	28th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,941	31st May	Marseilles and London.
"KHIVA"	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MUREA"	10,918	23rd May	Marseilles and London.

Frequent connections from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Constantinople, Pireaus, Smyrna, and other Levant Ports by steamers of the Rediviv Mail Steamship Co.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

"TALAMBA"	8,018	5th Dec.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,000	18th Dec.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	23rd Dec.	do.
"TAKLAWA"	7,846	2nd Jan.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,849	9th Jan.	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

"TANDA"	6,858	4th Dec. 4 p.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	31st Dec.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	28th Jan.	do.
"TANDA"	6,858	4th Mar.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	28th April	do.

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hongkong to Japan and Hongkong to Australia.

The E. & A.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, Hilo, Oahu, Kolombangara, Tawao, Timor, Durban, or other ports en route as indicated.

Frequent connections from Australia, with the following:—

The Union S.S. Co.'s Steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.

The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London via Suez Canal.

The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via the Cape.

The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"SHIRALA"	7,841	9th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MYANMA"	7,023	11th Dec.	Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKLAWA"	7,846	14th Dec.	Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,849	22nd Dec.	Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MUREA"	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,007	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELORE"	8,838	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,858	5th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MONGOLIA"	10,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MYANMA"	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACDONALD"	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	9th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	12th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,007	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.

Passengers for Hongkong must defray their own Hotel expenses at Singapore while awaiting the on carrying steamer.

All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.

Steamers on London and Australian Lines are fitted with Laundries.

Parcels measuring not more than 5 ft. x 3 ft. x 1 ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.

For Further Information, Passage Fares, Freight, Handbooks, etc., apply to—

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.

& O. Building, Cornhill Road Central, HONGKONG. Agents.

BOSTON NEW YORK & BALTIMORE

Joint Service of the

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

(OCEAN S.S. CO., LTD., and CHINA MUTUAL S.S. CO., LTD.)

AND

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE

(ELLERMAN & BUCKNALL S.S. CO., LTD.)

Sailings from Hongkong.

"CITY OF CAIRO"	...	Via Suez Canal	3rd December.
"YANGTSE"	...	Via Suez Canal	17th December.
"COLORADO"	...	Via Suez Canal	31st December.
"CANPA"	...	Via Suez Canal	14th January.
"CYCLOPS"	...	Via Suez Canal	29th January.

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' option.

Subject to change without notice.

For Freight and Particulars, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, or THE BANK LINE, LTD., HONGKONG.

HONGKONG AND CANTON, JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., CANTON.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

AMOI, SAWTOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 8th Dec.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KINGYUAN"	On 8th Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO & DALNY	"LIANGLOU"	On 8th Dec.	10 a.m.
SAIGON	"CHANGCHOW"	On 8th Dec.	4 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SUICHANG"	On 8th Dec.	6 a.m.
BANGKOK	"KWEIYANG"	On 8th Dec.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On 9th Dec.	10 a.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 9th Dec.	Noon.
SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 11th Dec.	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO & DALNY	"KANGCHOW"	On 12th Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 13th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 14th Dec.	6 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 14th Dec.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 16th Dec.	10 a.m.

BALOON PASSAGE RATES, HONG KONG to SHANGHAI and vice versa, Have Now Been Reduced To

\$60 SINGLE AND \$90 RETURN.

For Freight or Passage apply to— BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

CARGO AND PASSAGE CAN BE INSURED AT THE OFFICE OF BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE. [4]

AUSTRALIAN-ORIENTAL LINE, LTD.

"CHANGTE" & "TAIPING"

THREE NEW VESSELS MAINTAIN A REGULAR SERVICE FROM

HONGKONG TO AUSTRALIAN PORTS,

VIA MANILA AND THURSDAY ISLAND.

Through Bills of Lading issued to all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports. Excellent & Most Up-to-date First & Second Class Passengers Accommodation. HONGKONG TO SYDNEY—19 DAYS.

STEAMER	DUE HONGKONG ON OR ABOUT	SAILING MANILA ON OR ABOUT
CHANGTE	10th December	17th December
TAIPING	6th January	14th January
CHANGTE	8th February	15th February

For Freight and Passage Apply to—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

NEW YORK BERTH

LOADING FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK VIA SUEZ.

S.S. "BOWES CASTLE" ... on or about middle of Dec.

LLOYD TRIESTINO.

REGULAR MONTHLY PASSENGER AND FREIGHT SERVICE FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE (FIUME).

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO

GENOA, ALL ITALIAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND DANUBE PORTS.

REDUCED PASSAGE RATES TO BRINDISI, VENICE OR TRIESTE

"A" CLASS: £72. 10s. 0d. "B" CLASS: £66. 0s. 0d.

NEXT SAILINGS.

OUTWARDS FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI

From Hong Kong.

S.S. "VENEZIA" ... Sails on or about 9th December.

M.V. "ROMOLO" ... Sails on or about 8th January, 1927.

S.S. "FIUME-L" ... Sails on or about 8th February, 1927.

HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE

From Hong Kong.

M.V. "ESQUILINO" ... Sails on or about 10th December, 1926.

S.S. "VENEZIA" ... Sails on or about 7th January, 1927.

M.V. "ROMOLO" ... Sails on or about 4th February, 1927.

S.S. "FIUME-L" ... Sails on or about 4th March, 1927.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

FROM CALCUTTA AND COLOMBO TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

"UMZUMBI" ... Sails from Calcutta End of December.

"UMSINGA" ... Sails from Calcutta 31st January, 1927.

Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to South African Ports.

Through Bills of Lading issued from Hong Kong.

For Freight or Passage on any of the above lines, apply to—

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.

Telephone: Central 1080.

Agents.

[17]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA COAST PORT SERVICE.

REGULAR SERVICE of Fast, High Class Coast Steamers. Sailings subject to alteration without notice.

FOR

SWATOW, AMOI & FOOCHOW AND RETURN

(Occupying 8 to 9 Days)

HAINING ... Tuesday, 7th December, at 2 p.m.

HAICHING ... Friday, 10th December, at 1 p.m.

Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier). Round Trip Tickets will be issued from Hong Kong to Fochow (Fogoda Anchorage) or vice versa and Return by the same Steamer at the Reduced Rate of \$80.00 including Meals while the Steamer is in Port.

For Freight and Passage apply to—

DOUGLAS LARPAK & CO.,

General Managers.

INWARD MAILS.

OUTWARD MAILS.

• Correspondence bearing vessel's name only

REGULAR AND FAST
FREIGHT AND
PASSENGER SERVICES

Agents.

Lyonnais.
New York: J. P. Morgan

1. TAKAGI,
Manager,
HONGKONG BRANCH,
8, Des Voeux Road, Central
Hong Kong, 11th May, 1928. [27



84] Acting Manager.

Hong Kong. London Office.